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Introduced by M. of A. CLARK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Children and Families

AN ACT to amend the New York city administrative code, in relation to the child fatality review advisory team report

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subdivision a of section 17-191 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 115 of the city of New York for the year 2005, is amended to read as follows:

a. For purposes of this section, the term "child fatality" shall mean the death of any person in the city of New York under the age of thirteen [where (1) the death is unanticipated, (2) the death is the result of trauma, or (3) the circumstances of the death are suspicious, obscure or otherwise unexplained]; provided, however, that such term shall not include the death of any person under the age of thirteen where such death is the subject of a pending criminal investigation, prosecution or appeal.

S 2. Subdivision i of section 17-191 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 115 of the city of New York for the year 2005, is amended to read as follows:

i. The child fatality review advisory team shall submit to the mayor, the speaker of the city council and the public advocate, annually, a report including, but not limited to, [the number of child fatality cases which occurred in the city of New York during the previous year; statistics regarding the causes of child fatalities; specific non-identifying data with respect to the victims of child fatalities, such as gender, age and race, and, if available, religion and ethnicity; statistics regarding the location of child fatalities, disaggregated by borough; and recommendations regarding ways to decrease the future incidence of child fatalities in the city of New York] (1) THE CAUSE OF DEATH, WHETHER FROM NATURAL OR OTHER CAUSES, (2) IDENTIFICATION OF CHILD

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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PROTECTIVE OR OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED OR ACTIONS TAKEN REGARDING SUCH CHILD AND HIS OR HER FAMILY, (3) ANY EXTRAORDINARY OR PERTINENT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CHILD'S DEATH, (4) WHETHER THE CHILD OR THE CHILD'S FAMILY HAD RECEIVED ASSISTANCE, CARE OR SERVICES FROM THE SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT PRIOR TO SUCH CHILD'S DEATH, (5) ANY ACTION OR FURTHER INVESTIGATION UNDERTAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT OR BY THE LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT SINCE THE DEATH OF THE CHILD, AND (6) AS APPROPRIATE, RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LOCAL OR STATE ADMINISTRATIVE OR POLICY CHANGES.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.