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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to runaway youth and homeless youth who have been turned away from any shelter under the jurisdiction of the department of youth and community development

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 4 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-404 to read as follows:

§ 21-404 Homeless and runaway youth shelter exclusion count. a. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Runaway youth. The term “runaway youth” means a person under the age of 18 years who is absent from their legal residence without the consent or knowledge of their parent, legal guardian, or custodian; and

Homeless youth. The term “homeless youth” means a person under the age of 21 who is in need of services and is without a place of shelter where supervision and care are available.

b. Beginning July 1, 2018, and on the first day of each succeeding calendar quarter, the department shall submit to the speaker and post on its website a report detailing each incident in which a homeless youth has been turned away from a shelter. Such a report shall include but not be limited to, the following information for the previous calendar quarter:

1. The name of the shelter from which the youth was turned away;
2. The age of the youth turned away;
3. The sex or gender of the youth;

4. The youth's status if ascertainable such as runaway, homeless, or both;
5. The number of beds available at such shelter;
6. The number of beds available at such shelter at the time the youth was turned away; and
7. The reason the youth was turned away.

§ 2. This local law shall take effect immediately.

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