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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to runaway and homeless youth entering department of homeless services shelters

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 21-401 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

§ 21-401 Definitions. [Whenever used in] For the purposes of this chapter the following [words] terms [shall] have the following meanings:

[a. “Commissioner” shall mean] Commissioner. The term “commissioner” means the commissioner of the department of youth and community development.

[b. “Department” shall mean] Department. The term “department” means the department of youth and community development.

Homeless young adult. The term “homeless young adult” has the same meaning as provided in section 532-a of the executive law.

Homeless youth. The term “homeless youth” has the same meaning as provided in section 532-a of the executive law. For the purposes of this chapter, the term homeless youth shall also include homeless young adults.

[c. “Runaway and homeless youth services” shall mean] Runaway and homeless youth services. The term “runaway and homeless youth services” means department-administered street outreach and referral

services, drop-in centers, runaway and homeless youth crisis [shelters] services programs, and transitional independent living [centers] support programs.

Runaway and homeless youth crisis services program. The term “runaway and homeless youth crisis services program” has the same meaning as provided in section 532-a of the executive law.

Runaway youth. The term “runaway youth” has the same meaning as provided in section 532-a of the executive law.

[d. “Sexually exploited child” shall have] Sexually exploited child. The term “sexually exploited child” has the same meaning as provided in subdivision one of section 447-a of the [New York State] social services law.

Transitional independent living support program. The term “transitional independent living support program” has the same meaning as provided in section 532-a of the executive law.

[e. “Youth: shall mean] Youth. The term “youth” means any person [under twenty-four] 24 years of age or younger.

§ 2. Chapter 4 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to add new section 21-404 to read as follows:

§ 21-404 Intake and assessments of runaway and homeless youth. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Assessment shelter. The term “assessment shelter” means a means a facility operated by the department of homeless services or a provider under contract or similar agreement with the department of homeless services where individuals undergo assessments required to reside in the department of homeless services shelter system.

Intake and assessment. The term “intake and assessment” means the process for entry into a shelter operated by the department of homeless services or a provider under contract or similar agreement with the department of homeless services.

Intake center. The term “intake centers” means a facility operated by the department of homeless services or a provider under contract or similar agreement with the department of homeless services where individuals or families apply to enter the department of homeless services shelter system.

b. The department of homeless services and the department shall create and maintain an intake and assessment process for runaway youth and homeless youth seeking to transition from runaway and homeless youth services to a department of homeless services shelter. Such process shall not require runaway youth or homeless youth to enter an intake center or assessment shelter. Such process shall originate at a location where the department provides runaway and homeless youth services. The intake and assessment process required pursuant to this section and any necessary information sharing between the department of homeless services and the department shall only occur with the consent of the youth.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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