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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to a health survey of newly arrived migrants and asylum seekers, and to repeal such amendments upon the expiration thereof

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 17-201 to read as follows:

§ 17-201 a. Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following terms have the following meanings:

Designated citywide languages. The term “designated citywide languages” has the same meaning as set forth in section 23-1101 of the administrative code of the city of New York.

Temporary languages. The term “temporary languages” has the same meaning as set forth in section 23-1105 of the administrative code of the city of New York.

b. Anonymous survey of newly arrived migrants and asylum seekers. a. No later than January 31, 2024, the commissioner, in coordination with the mayor’s office of immigrant affairs and any agency designated by the mayor, shall develop a health survey of migrants and asylum seekers. The survey shall elicit information related to the long-term health needs and chronic conditions of migrants and asylum seekers, healthcare service requests from migrants and asylum seekers, healthcare referrals or interventions provided to migrants and asylum seekers, and, to the extent practicable, whether or not those referrals were accepted or those interventions took place.

c. No later than March 31, 2024, and annually thereafter, the mayor’s office of immigrant affairs, in

coordination with the commissioner and any agency designated by the mayor, shall conduct the anonymous survey in locations including, but not limited to, humanitarian emergency response and relief centers, emergency shelters, respite centers, and asylum seeker resource navigation centers. The mayor's office of immigrant affairs, in coordination with the commissioner and any agency designated by the mayor, shall conduct the survey in English, the designated citywide languages, and temporary languages.

d. No later than June 30, 2024, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council and shall post conspicuously on the department's website an annual report regarding long-term health needs and chronic conditions of migrants and asylum seekers, healthcare service requests from migrants and asylum seekers, healthcare referrals or interventions provided to migrants and asylum seekers, and, to the extent practicable, the outcomes of those referrals or interventions. The report shall set forth the aggregated information captured in the results of the survey described in subdivision b of this section, recommend ways to identify and anticipate health needs of migrants and asylum seekers, and include a data dictionary.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 30 days after it becomes law, and remains in effect until September 1, 2034, when it is deemed repealed.

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