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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to precluding the department of homeless services from requiring a child's presence at an intake center when a family with children applies for shelter

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 21-329 to read as follows:

§ 21-329 Shelter application process for families with children. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Child. The term "child" means a person who is under 21 years of age.

Family with children. The term "family with children" means a family with at least one adult and at least one child.

Intake center. The term "intake center" means a department facility that accepts and processes applications for shelter from families with children.

Shelter. The term "shelter" means temporary emergency housing provided to homeless families with children by the department or a provider under contract or similar agreement with the department.

b. The department shall not require any child who is a member of a family with children to be present at an intake center when that family applies or reapplies for shelter. Nothing in this section precludes a family with children from bringing a child to an intake center when applying or reapplying for shelter.

§ 3. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.

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