



**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FINANCE DIVISION**

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PROPOSED INTRO. NO: 1199-A

COMMITTEE: General Welfare

TITLE: A local law to amend the administration code of the city of New York, in relation to foster care experience surveys.

SPONSORS: Council Members Richards, Levin, Eugene, Dromm, Salamanca, Chin, Grodenchik, Miller, Johnson and Cohen.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION: Proposed Intro. 1199-A would require the Administration for Children's Services (ACS) to provide an annual survey to all youth in foster care ages 13 and older regarding their experiences in foster care. ACS would administer the surveys in a location other than the foster parent's home, online, or through a mobile application. The surveys would include questions regarding access to food and clothing, religious practices, relationships with foster families, biological families and friends, personal allowances, education and extracurricular activities, and internet and phone access.

ACS would also be required to provide to the Council and post on its website an annual report containing aggregate data from the surveys and detailing any steps it has taken in response to the information obtained from the surveys. Lastly, ACS would be required to submit a report on its plan for the implementation of the survey to the Speaker no later than 120 days after the effective date of the local law.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The legislation would take effect immediately, and the first survey would be administration one year after the effective date of the local law.

FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED: Fiscal 2018

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

	Effective FY 17	FY Succeeding Effective FY 18	Full Fiscal Impact FY 18
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net	\$0	\$0	\$0

IMPACT ON REVENUES: It is anticipated that there would be no impact on revenues as a result of this legislation.

IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES: In order to comply with Proposed Intro. 1199-A, ACS would have to develop a survey tool and mechanism for administering a survey. This would be a one-time expense. It is estimated that ACS has sufficient resources to both develop and implement the survey. Existing resources would be used to administer the survey, as well as to prepare and issue the progress reports.

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS: General Fund

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: New York City Council Finance Division

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: This legislation was introduced to the full Council on May 25, 2016 as Intro. 1199 and was referred to the Committee on General Welfare. The Committee on General Welfare held a hearing on June 16, 2016 and the bill was laid over. The legislation was subsequently amended, and the amended version, Proposed Intro. 1199-A, will be considered by the Committee at a hearing on October 26, 2016. Upon successful vote by the Committee, Proposed Intro. No. 1199-A will be submitted to the full Council for a vote on October 27, 2016.

DATE PREPARED: October 21, 2016