

**LOCAL LAWS  
OF  
THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
FOR THE YEAR 1989**

**No. 18**

Introduced by Council Members Williams, Friedlander, Ward and Wooten; also Council Members Clark, Dryfoos, Foster, Harrison, Leffler, Lisa, O'Donovan, Spigner, Alter, DiBrienza, Gerges and Horwitz.

**A LOCAL LAW**

**To amend the charter of the city of New York, in relation to the creation of a department of Youth Services.**

*Be it enacted by the Council as follows:*

Section one. Declaration of legislative intent and findings. The Council finds that the city of New York expends millions of dollars annually on programs for youth. Funds earmarked for youth programs are currently distributed among numerous and diverse agencies and organizations in both the public and private sectors, and consequently there is a need for improved, centralized coordination of youth programming in order to avoid duplication of services and allow effective monitoring of both the apportionment of funds and program operations.

The Council finds it appropriate to create a department of youth services to coordinate the large number of youth programs provided by both the city of New York and the private sector. It is the intent of the Council that after the new department is created, youth coordinators will continue to work with youth services planning committees, community boards and the new department with regard to the planning and provision of neighborhood youth services.

§2. The charter of the city of New York is hereby amended by adding a new chapter thirty, to read as follows:

*Chapter 30*

*Department of Youth Services*

*§731. Department; commissioner. There shall be a department of youth services, the head of which shall be the commissioner of youth services.*

*§732. Deputies. The commissioner shall appoint at least one deputy.*

*§733. Powers and duties. The department shall have all the powers and duties of a youth bureau as prescribed in article nineteen-a of the executive law and the regulations promulgated thereunder, and shall in addition have the following powers and duties:*

- a. to advise and assist the mayor and the city council in developing policies designed to meet the needs of youth;*
- b. to initiate youth programs and coordinate youth programs and activities sponsored by other city agencies and responsible organizations in the private sector;*
- c. to plan for and coordinate neighborhood youth services in conjunction with community boards and youth services planning committees;*
- d. to stimulate community interest in the problems of youth;*
- e. to promote public awareness of resources available for youth, and to refer the public to*

appropriate departments, agencies and organizations for advice, assistance and services available to youth;

f. to make such studies and reports regarding needs of youth as the commissioner, the city council or the mayor may deem appropriate;

g. to serve as the central source of information relating to services and programs available to youth;

h. to enter into contracts with individuals, organizations and institutions as may be necessary to implement policies and programs consistent with the provisions of this chapter;

i. to disburse available city, state and federal funds to programs throughout the city and, when practical, coordinate such funds with available funding from the private sector;

j. to maintain, operate and control such programs and facilities as may be necessary or required for the proper administration of the department; and

k. to promulgate rules and regulations for the operation of facilities, services and programs under the department's jurisdiction.

**§734. Youth board.** a. There shall be in the department a youth board, which shall serve as a forum for representatives of disciplines directly concerned with the welfare of youth.

b. The youth board shall be representative of the community, and shall include persons representing the areas of social service, health care, education, business, industry and labor.

c. The youth board shall consist of up to twenty-eight members, appointed by the mayor, fourteen of whom shall be appointed upon recommendation of the city council.

d. The mayor shall designate one of the members of the youth board to be chair.

e. The members of the youth board shall serve without compensation.

f. The youth board shall meet at least quarterly.

**§735. Interagency coordinating council.** There shall be an interagency coordinating council established by the mayor which shall consist of representatives of each city agency providing services to youth and representatives from the youth board established pursuant to section seven hundred thirty-four of this chapter. This interagency coordinating council shall:

a. recommend means by which the duplication and fragmentation of service delivery to youth may be reduced;

b. consider proposals from member agencies for the improvement of service delivery to youth; and

c. recommend to the mayor joint agency projects or programs which could make more efficient use of existing resources.

*The interagency coordinating council shall meet at least quarterly.*

§3. Wherever by any provision of this local law there are functions, powers or duties assigned to the department of youth services or any of its officers or employees which have been heretofore exercised by any other agency, officer or employee, all officers and employees in the classified municipal civil service who at the time when such provision shall take effect are engaged in the performance of such functions, powers or duties, shall be transferred to the department of youth services to which such functions, powers or duties are assigned by this chapter, without examination and without affecting existing collective bargaining agreements, existing compensation or pension or retirement rights, privileges or obligations of such officers and employees.

§4. This local law shall take effect one hundred and twenty days after its enactment into law.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, s.s.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a local law of The City of New York, passed by the Council on March 28, 1989, and approved by the Mayor on April 14, 1989.

CARLOS CUEVAS, City Clerk, Clerk of the Council.

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL HOME RULE LAW §27

Pursuant to the provisions of Municipal Home Rule Law §27, I hereby certify that the enclosed local law (Local Law 18 of 1989, Council Int. No. 921-B) contains the correct text and:

Received the following vote at the meeting of the New York City Council on March 28, 1989:  
32 for, 0 against

Was approved by the Mayor on April 14, 1989.

Was returned to the City Clerk on April 14, 1989.

JEFFREY D. FRIEDLANDER, Acting Corporation Counsel