**Plain Language Summary**

**Current Introduction Number:**

Int. No. 490-A

**Prime Sponsors:**

By Council Members Menin, Louis, Hudson, Hanif, Nurse, Narcisse, Avilés, Velázquez, Brooks-Powers, Ayala, Rivera, Dinowitz, De La Rosa, Won, Cabán, Riley, Sanchez and The Speaker (Council Member Adams)

**Bill Title:**

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the provision of sexual and reproductive health services by the department of health and mental hygiene

**Bill Summary:**

**This plain language summary is for informational purposes only and does not substitute for legal counsel. For more information, you should review the full text of the bill, which is available online at legistar.council.nyc.gov.**

This bill would require the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide sexual and reproductive health services and conduct research on sexual and reproductive health disparities within the city. In providing such services, the department will have the power and duty to: provide outreach, education, and support to individuals, especially low-income individuals and those without health insurance, regarding issues related to sexual and reproductive health, including but not limited to: contraception, including a broad range of methods such as long-acting reversible contraception; preconception health services; abortion services; family planning services; testing, prevention, and treatment for HIV; testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections; routine screening for breast and cervical cancer; and health education in community settings to promote reproductive health, to prevent unintended pregnancy, and to promote access to reproductive and preventive health services. The office would also make referrals to affordable and accessible services related to contraception, abortion, family planning, breast and cervical cancer screenings, and counseling, testing, and treatment for HIV and sexually transmitted infections, when determined appropriate by the department.

**Effective Date:**

1 year after becoming law

**Legislative Impact:**

[ ]  **Agency Rulemaking Required**: Is City agency rulemaking required?

[ ]  **Report Required**: Is a report due to Council required?

[ ]  **Sunset Date Included**: Does the legislation have a sunset date?

[ ]  **Council Appointment Required**: Is an appointment by the Council required?

[ ]  **Other Appointment Required**: Are other appointments not by the Council required?

**Note:** In the full bill text online at legistar.council.nyc.gov, language in proposed consolidated laws that is enclosed by [brackets] would be deleted, and language that is underlined would be new. Language in proposed unconsolidated laws, in contrast, will not have brackets or underlining because it would be entirely new. Consolidation means that the law is placed in the New York City Charter or Administrative Code.

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