

**LOCAL LAWS
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FOR THE YEAR 2019**

No. 170

Introduced by the Public Advocate (Mr. Williams) and Council Members Rosenthal, Lander, Adams, Richards, Ayala, Salamanca, Chin, Kallos, Constantinides, Cohen, Ampry-Samuel, Rose and Rivera.

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of social services/human resources administration to report on termination of public assistance

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-142 to read as follows:

§ 21-142 Reporting on the termination and denial of public assistance. a. For the purposes of this section the following terms have the following meanings:

Case head. The term “case head” means the head of household who is the member of the applicant household designated by the household to represent the household in all matters pertaining to its eligibility for and receipt of public assistance, as defined in Title 18 of New York Codes Rules and Regulations Part 387.1(u)(1), and as indicated in the welfare management system.

Reopened case. The term “reopened case” means a case of ongoing cash or supplemental nutrition assistance that was terminated and subsequently reopened within three months of termination.

Welfare management system. The term “welfare management system” means the system defined in section 21 of New York social services law.

b. Termination report. The department shall post on its website and submit to the speaker of the council and the public advocate a report on instances in which ongoing cash or supplemental nutrition assistance was terminated during the relevant reporting period. The first such report shall be due on November 15, 2019, and shall cover the quarter that began on July 1, 2019. Subsequent reports shall be posted and submitted no later than 45 days after the end of each quarter thereafter. Such reports shall include the following information for the relevant reporting period:

1. The total number of ongoing cash and supplemental nutrition assistance cases terminated;

2. The total number of cases terminated, disaggregated by type of ongoing cash or supplemental nutrition assistance;

3. The total number of cases terminated, disaggregated by reason(s) why the ongoing cash or supplemental nutrition assistance was terminated, using the welfare management system closing codes;

4. The data required by paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this subdivision shall be further disaggregated by:

(a) The council district the case head lives in;

(b) The reported race, ethnicity, gender and age category of the case head;

(c) Whether the case head has limited English proficiency; and

(d) Whether the case head has received a reasonable accommodation for a disability from the department.

c. Denial report. The department shall post on its website and submit to the speaker of the council and the public advocate a report on instances in which applications for ongoing cash or supplemental nutrition assistance were denied during the relevant reporting period. The first such report shall be due on November 15, 2019, and shall cover the quarter that began on July 1, 2019. Subsequent reports shall be posted and submitted no later than 45 days after the end of each quarter thereafter. Such reports shall include the following information for the relevant reporting period:

1. The total number of ongoing cash and supplemental nutrition assistance applications denied;

2. The total number of applications denied, disaggregated by type of ongoing cash or supplemental nutrition assistance;

3. The total number of each type of ongoing cash or supplemental nutrition assistance applications denied, disaggregated by the reason(s) why such applications were denied, using the welfare management system denial codes;

4. The data required by paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this subdivision shall be further disaggregated by:

(a) The council district the case head lives in;

(b) The reported race, ethnicity, gender and age category of the case head;

(c) Whether the case head has limited English proficiency; and

(d) Whether the case head has received a reasonable accommodation for a disability from the department.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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 August 14, 2019 and returned unsigned by the Mayor on September 16, 2019.

MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk, Clerk of the Council.

CERTIFICATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

I hereby certify that the form of the enclosed local law (Local Law No. 170 of 2019, Council Int. No. 1389-A of 2019) to be filed with the Secretary of State contains the correct text of the local law passed by the New York City Council, presented to the Mayor and neither approved nor disapproved within thirty days thereafter.

STEPHEN LOUIS, Acting Corporation Counsel.