**Plain Language Summary**

**Current Introduction Number:**

Int. No. 1712-A

**Prime Sponsors:**

By Council Members Rosenthal, Gibson, Ayala, Kallos, Louis, D. Diaz, Dinowitz, Rivera and Gennaro

**Bill Title:**

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of social services to report on services and resources provided specific to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, gender non-conforming and non-binary residents of domestic violence emergency shelters

**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 Social Services (DSS) to review the services and resources it provides specific to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, gender non-conforming and non-binary (LGBTQI+) individuals who are entering domestic violence emergency shelters. DSS would submit to the Mayor and the Speaker of the Council and publish on its website, a written report disclosing the total number of demographic information survey forms regarding sexual orientation and gender identity that were distributed by the department and the total number of individuals who identified as LGBTQI+ on such forms, a description of the department’s efforts to collect data specifically about LGBTQI+ domestic violence survivors, the department’s outreach efforts, any complaints the department received about domestic violence emergency shelter services provided to LGBTQI+ residents and recommendations for enhancing outreach efforts and services offered by DSS specifically for domestic violence emergency shelter residents who identify as LGBTQI+. Under this bill, DSS would also be required to consult with a community based organization with culturally specific expertise in challenges faced by survivors of domestic violence self-identifying as LGBTQI+ to develop and provide LGBTQI+ cultural competency trainings to domestic violence emergency shelter employees who work directly with residents.

**Effective Date:**

180 days after it becomes law.

**Legislative Impact:**

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

[x]  **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 would be placed in the New York City Charter or Administrative Code.

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