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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to city agencies' collection of demographic data.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 15 of chapter 1 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new subdivision g to read as follows:

g. 1. The office of operations shall ensure that any city agency that collects via form documents demographic information regarding the ancestry or ethnic origin of city residents seeking services shall include on any such form documents an option for multiracial ancestry or ethnic origin; provided, however, that such requirement shall not apply to form documents used by a city agency that originate from a state or federal agency.

2. Within three years of the effective date of this subdivision, every agency that collects via form

documents demographic information regarding the ancestry or ethnic origin of city residents seeking services shall ensure that any computer system or database used by such agency for the purpose of maintaining or compiling such information has the capacity to receive and maintain information regarding multiracial ancestry or ethnic origin.

§2. This local law shall take effect one-hundred twenty days following its enactment.

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