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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the development and distribution of materials on the risks of keeping a gun in the home

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 17-183.1 to read as follows:

§ 17-183.1 Publication and dissemination of materials on the risks of keeping a gun in the home. a.

Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Family justice centers. The term “family justice center” means a center as defined in section 3-180 and any successor location through which the office to end domestic and gender-based violence provides criminal justice, civil legal, and social services to victims of domestic and gender-based violence.

Firearm. The term “firearm” has the same meaning as set forth in subdivision 1 of section 10-301.

Rifle. The term “rifle” has the same meaning as set forth in subdivision 2 of section 10-301.

School. The term “school” means a school of the city school district of the city of New York.

Shotgun. The term “shotgun” has the same meaning as set forth in subdivision 3 of section 10-301.

Student. The term “student” means any child who is enrolled in pre-kindergarten through grade 12 in a school, any child who is enrolled in an early education center with which the department of education contracts to provide pre-kindergarten, and any child who is enrolled in a free full-day early education program for 3-year-old children offered by the department of education.

b. No later than 6 months after the effective date of the local law that added this section, the department, in consultation with the office for neighborhood safety and the prevention of gun violence, shall develop written materials containing information about the dangers of keeping a gun in the home. The department shall update the content of such materials on a yearly basis to reflect any changes in law, public health research, or both. Such materials shall include, but need not be limited to, the following information:

1. Legal requirements pertaining to the safe storage of guns, including but not limited to rifles, shotguns, and firearms;

2. Best practices for the safe storage of guns, including but not limited to rifles, shotguns, and firearms;

3. Details regarding gun buyback programs;

4. Health risk factors and exacerbation factors for gun injuries;

5. Statistics on fatal and nonfatal shootings in the city;

6. How to recognize at-risk persons for suicide and involvement in gun violence; and

7. The relationship between intimate partner violence and gun violence.

c. Publication, outreach, and distribution. 1. The department shall post on its website the materials required by subdivision b of this section.

2. The department shall develop an outreach program to provide the materials required by subdivision b of this section to facilities operated by healthcare providers that are not affiliated with the city that provide healthcare services in the city for distribution to patients at the discretion of such facilities.

3. The department shall provide the materials required by subdivision b of this section to the office to end domestic and gender-based violence. Such office shall distribute such materials to all individuals receiving services at family justice centers.

4. The department shall provide the materials required by subdivision b of this section to facilities operated by the New York city health and hospitals corporation for distribution to patients at the discretion of the New York city health and hospitals corporation.

5. The department shall provide the materials required by subdivision b of this section to the department of education. The department of education shall distribute such materials to each school to be shared with every student of each such school at the beginning of each academic year.

d. No later than 1 year after the effective date of the local law that added this section, and annually thereafter, the department shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council a report on the provision and distribution, as required by subdivision c of this section, of the materials required to be developed under subdivision b of this section. The department shall consult with the office for neighborhood safety and the prevention of gun violence, the office to end domestic and gender-based violence, the New York city health and hospitals corporation, and the department of education to create this report. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to, the following information for the previous calendar year:

1. The names and addresses of the entities to which the department provided such materials, including but not limited to facilities of healthcare providers that are not affiliated with the city that provide healthcare services in the city, facilities operated by the New York city health and hospitals corporation, and schools;

2. The names and addresses of family justice centers through which the office to end domestic and gender-based violence distributed such materials to individuals receiving services at such centers;

3. Any issues encountered by the department in providing such materials to facilities operated by healthcare providers that are not affiliated with the city that provide healthcare services in the city, the office to end domestic and gender-based violence, facilities operated by the New York city health and hospitals corporation, and the department of education; and

4. Any issues encountered by the office to end domestic and gender-based violence, the facilities operated by the New York city health and hospitals corporation, and the department of education in distributing such materials.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 60 days after it becomes law.

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