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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring police officers to receive training related to recognizing and interacting with individuals with autism spectrum disorder

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 14 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 14-193 to read as follows:

§ 14-193 Autism spectrum disorder safety training. a. Definition. For the purposes of this section, the term “autism spectrum disorder” means behavior that meets relevant diagnostic criteria contained within the American Psychiatric Association’s diagnostic and statistical manual, fifth edition, as may be revised from time to time.

b. Training. 1. The department shall train police recruits, as part of their police academy training, in recognizing and responding to individuals with autism spectrum disorder.

2. The department shall, on a biennial basis, train all uniformed members of the department in recognizing and responding to individuals with autism spectrum disorder.

c. The training required by subdivision b of this section shall include but not be limited to:

1. enhancement of awareness and a practical understanding of autism spectrum disorder, including an ability to recognize common behaviors and mannerisms of individuals with autism spectrum disorder, such as sensory processing disorders, oversensitivity to the environment and auditory processing disorder;

2. development of the interpersonal skills to safely respond to emergencies involving individuals with

autism spectrum disorder; and

3. instruction on interview and investigative techniques to utilize in cases involving individuals with autism spectrum disorder, including cases where such an individual has experienced incidents of gender-based violence.

d. The curriculum for the training required by subdivision b of this section shall be periodically reviewed and, when appropriate, modified in consultation with independent clinicians and service providers with expertise on autism spectrum disorder.

§ 2. This local law shall take effect 180 days after it becomes law.

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