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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to background checks for child care providers, employees, and volunteers

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 17-199.23 to read as follows:

§ 17-199.23 Background checks for child care providers, employees, and volunteers. a. Background checks. Upon receiving a request for a background check for a current or prospective child care provider, employee, or volunteer, the department shall complete the background check within 14 days.

b. Report. No later than 90 days 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 and post on its website a report on requests for background checks received by the department. The report shall include a separate row referencing each unique occurrence of a background check request that either (i) was received during the preceding year or (ii) was received prior to the preceding year but was not completed prior to the preceding year. Each such row shall include, but need not be limited to, the following information set forth in separate columns for each background check request:

1. The date the department received the request for a background check;

2. Whether the background check has been completed;

3. If the background check has been completed, the date the department completed the background

check;

4. If the background check has been completed, the number of days taken to complete the background check;

5. A unique and anonymous identification code corresponding to the current or prospective child care provider, employee, or volunteer about whom the background check has been requested; and

6. If the background check was completed more than 14 days from the date the department received the request for a background check, the reasons why the background check was not completed within 14 days.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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