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By the Public Advocate (Mr. Williams) and Council Members Narcisse, Gutiérrez, Louis, Restler, Hudson and Avilés

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to social workers in city correctional facilities

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 9 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 9-163 to read as follows:

§ 9-163 Social workers in city correctional facilities. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Full-time. The term “full-time” means working an average of 30 hours or more per week.

Social worker. The term “social worker” means any personnel, licensed and certified by New York state as a licensed master of social work or a clinical social worker as defined in section 7701 of the education law.

b. No later than January 1, 2026, the department of correction shall maintain a ratio of at least one full-time social worker for every 10 incarcerated persons at each city correctional facility.

c. No later than January 31, 2023, and quarterly thereafter, the commissioner of correction shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council and shall post conspicuously on the department of correction’s website a quarterly report regarding the number of full-time social workers and the number of incarcerated persons at each city correctional facility.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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