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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the Human Resources Administration and the Department of Youth and Community Development to publish on the agencies' websites information relating to the process for youth and young adults aged sixteen through twenty applying for or receiving public assistance.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-133 to read as follows:

§21-133. Web-based information for youth and young adults aged sixteen through twenty applying for or receiving public assistance.

a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section the following terms shall have the following meanings:

1. "Public assistance" shall mean safety net assistance and family assistance provided by the New York city department of social services/human resources administration;

2. "Young adult" shall mean any person between and including the ages of eighteen and twenty;
and

3. "Youth" shall mean any person between and including the ages of sixteen and seventeen.

b. Web-based Information. No later than sixty days from the effective date of the local law that added this section, the department shall publish, through an easily identifiable link on its website, answers to frequently asked questions relating to the rights of and options available to youth and young adults who apply

for or are receiving public assistance as head of household, including but not limited to a description of how to apply for public assistance, the types of public assistance that are available, and how recipients may satisfy work requirements through educational activities. Such information shall be updated as often as necessary and at a minimum on an annual basis.

§2. Chapter 4 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-403 to read as follows:

§21-403. Web-based information for youth and young adults aged sixteen through twenty applying for or receiving public assistance.

a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section the following terms shall have the following meanings:

1. “Public assistance” shall mean safety net assistance and family assistance provided by the New York city department of social services/human resources administration;

2. “Young adult” shall mean any person between and including the ages of eighteen and twenty; and

3. “Youth” shall mean any person between and including the ages of sixteen and seventeen.

b. Web-based Information. No later than sixty days from the effective date of the local law that added this section, the department shall publish, through an easily identifiable link on its website, answers to frequently asked questions relating to the rights of and options available to youth and young adults who apply for or are receiving public assistance as head of household, including but not limited to a description of how to apply for public assistance, the types of public assistance that are available, and how recipients may satisfy work requirements through educational activities. Such information shall be updated as often as necessary and at a minimum on an annual basis.

§3. This local law shall take effect immediately.

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