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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to reporting data related to sexually exploited children.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 21-401 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding new subdivisions c, d, and e to read as follows:

c. “Runaway and homeless youth services” shall mean department-administered street outreach and referral services, drop-in centers, crisis shelters, and transitional independent living centers.

d. “Sexually exploited child” shall have the same meaning as provided in subdivision one of section 447-a of the New York State social services law.

e. “Youth” shall mean any person under twenty-four years of age.

§2. Section 21-402 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision c to read as follows:

c. Commencing on January 1, 2014 and annually thereafter, no later than every January 1st, the commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of the administration for children’s services (“ACS”) shall submit a yearly report to the speaker of the city council, documenting the number of youth in contact with the department’s runaway and homeless youth services or ACS who are referred as, self-report as, or who the department or ACS later determine to be sexually exploited children, disaggregated by age utilizing the

following ranges under 12 years old, 12-16 years old, 16-18 years old and over 18 years old, by gender and by whether such children had contact with the department or ACS. The department and ACS shall also determine and document in such report the number of such children identified as having received services from both the department and ACS. Such report shall also include a description of the services provided by the department and ACS to meet the needs of youth who are or have been sexually exploited children including, but not limited to the number of beds designated for such children and the types of mental health and health services provided to such children. Such report shall also include the department's and ACS's methods for collecting data regarding the number of sexually exploited children. Nothing herein shall require the department or ACS to share information that identifies such children. No information that is required to be reported pursuant to this section shall be reported in a manner that would violate any applicable provision of federal, state or local law relating to the privacy of such children's information.

§3. This local law shall take effect immediately after its enactment into law.

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