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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of correction to post a quarterly report on the population demographics of the city's jails.

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 9-137 to read as follows:

§ 9-137 Jail population statistics.

a. Within 45 days of the end of each quarter of the fiscal year, the department shall post a report on its website containing information related to the inmate population in city jails for the preceding quarter. Such quarterly report shall include the following information based on the number of inmate admissions during the reporting period, and based on the average daily population of the city's jails for the preceding quarter in total, and as a percentage of the average daily population of inmates in the department's custody during the reporting period:

1. Age, in years, disaggregated as follows: 16-17, 18-21, 22-25, 26-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 or older.
2. Gender, including a separate category for those inmates housed in any transgender housing unit.
3. Race of inmates, categorized as follows: African-American, Hispanic, Asian, white, or any other race.
4. The borough in which the inmate was arrested.
5. Educational background as self-reported by inmates after admission to the custody of the department, categorized as follows based on the highest level of education achieved: no high school diploma or general education diploma, a general education diploma, a high school diploma, some college but no degree, an associate's degree, a bachelor's degree, or a post-collegiate degree.

6. The number of inmates identified by the department as a member of a security risk group, as defined by the department.

§2. This local law takes effect January 1, 2016.

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