



Legislation Text

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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring information on the number of New York city housing authority residents entering temporary shelter

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 3 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-317 to read as follows:

§ 21-317 New York city housing authority residents entering shelter. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Adult. The term "adult" means any person who is eighteen years of age or older.

Adult families. The term "adult families" means families comprised of adults and no children.

Children. The term "children" means people under 18 years of age.

Families with children. The term "families with children" means families with adults and children, couples including at least one pregnant woman, single pregnant women, or parents or grandparents with a pregnant individual.

HRA domestic violence shelter. The term "HRA domestic violence shelter" means any residential care facility providing emergency shelter and services to victims of domestic violence and their minor children, and operated by the department of social services/human resources administration or a provider under contract or similar agreement with the department of social services/human resources administration.

Single adult. The term "single adult" means individuals without an accompanying adult or child.

Temporary shelter. The term "temporary shelter" means a shelter placement provided to homeless adults, adult families, and families with children by the department or a provider under contract or similar agreement with the department.

b. Not later than April 1, 2016, and no later than April 1st annually thereafter, the department shall submit to the council and post on its website a report regarding the number of individuals and families entering a temporary shelter or an HRA domestic violence shelter whose last known address was a New York city housing authority building during the prior calendar year. Such data shall be disaggregated by the month the individual or family entered shelter, whether the entrant is a single adult, adult family or family with children, whether the individual or family is entering a temporary shelter or an HRA domestic violence shelter, and the reason the individual or family is entering shelter, including but not limited to eviction, overcrowding or domestic violence.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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