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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 evaluate programs it utilizes

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 9-144 to read as follows:

§ 9-144 Correction programming evaluation and report.

a. The department shall evaluate inmate programming each calendar year. For purposes of this section, “inmate programming” includes but is not limited to any structured services offered directly to inmates for the purposes of vocational training, counseling, cognitive behavioral therapy, addressing drug dependencies, or any similar purpose. No later than April 1 of each year, beginning in 2017, the department shall submit a summary of each evaluation to the mayor and the council, and post such summary to the department’s website. This summary shall include factors determined by the department, including, but not be limited to, information related to the following for each such program: (i) the amount of funding received; (ii) estimated number of inmates served; (iii) a brief description of the program including the estimated number of hours of programming offered and utilized, program length, goals, target populations, effectiveness, and outcome measurements, where applicable; and (iv) successful completion and compliance rates, if applicable. Such summary shall be permanently accessible from the department’s website and shall be provided in a format that permits automated processing, where appropriate. Each yearly summary shall include a comparison of the

current year with the prior five years, where such information is available.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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