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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to high school graduation rates of youth in foster care

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision a of section 21-907 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 49 for the year 2014, is amended to read as follows:

§ 21-907 Graduation rates of foster care youth. a. Beginning no later than January 31, 2015, and no later than every January 31 thereafter, the commissioner shall submit to the speaker of the council and post on ACS' website an annual report regarding the number of youth in foster care who were enrolled in and/or graduated from high school in the previous academic year as described by the department of education. Each such report shall disaggregate the data by gender and ethnicity, and include but not be limited to: (i) the total number of youth in foster care disaggregated by age, utilizing the following ranges: [under 16] 13-15 years old; 16-18 years old; and 19-21 years old; (ii) the number of youth in foster care enrolled in high school disaggregated by age, utilizing the following ranges: [under 16] 13-15 years old; 16-[19] 18 years old; and [20] 19-21 years old; (iii) the number of youth in foster care who, based on cohort and the number of high school credits they have obtained by August 31 of the year of such report, are on pace to graduate high school and the number of such youth that are on pace to graduate high school in five years, utilizing the following age ranges: [17-19] 14-15 years old; 16-18 years old; and 19-21 years old; and (iv) the number of youth in foster care who graduated from high school disaggregated by: (1) the age at which such students graduated; (2) the type of diploma or

certification received; and (3) based on cohort, the number of years it took to complete high school. The reports required pursuant to this section shall remain permanently accessible on ACS' website.

b. No information that is otherwise 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 information respecting youth in foster care or that would interfere with law enforcement investigations or otherwise conflict with the interests of law enforcement. If any category requested contains between [0 and 9] 1 and 5 youth in foster care, or allows another category to be narrowed to between [0 and 9] 1 and 5 youth in foster care, the number shall be replaced with a symbol.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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