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By The Speaker (Council Member Mark-Viverito) and Council Members Richards, Chin, Dromm, Rosenthal, Levin, Lander, Kallos, Menchaca, Espinal and Barron

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to regulating the use of uniforms by the department of correction for court appearances

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 9-147 to read as follows:

§ 9-147 Inmate court appearance clothing. Except as provided elsewhere in this section, the department shall provide every inmate appearing for a trial or before a grand jury with access to clothing in their personal property prior to transport for such appearance, and produce all such inmates for such appearances in such clothing. If such clothing is not available, or if an inmate chooses not to wear their personal clothing, the department shall provide such inmate with new or gently used, size appropriate clothing of a kind customarily worn by persons not in the custody of the department, unless (i) such inmate chooses to wear the uniform issued by the department, or (ii) such inmate is required to wear such uniform by an order of the court. The department shall permit personal clothing to be delivered to an inmate during such time as packages are permitted to be delivered under title 40 of the rules of the city of New York or during reasonable hours the day before an inmate's scheduled appearance for a trial or before a grand jury. New or gently used, weather- and size-appropriate clothing of a kind customarily worn by persons not in the custody of the department shall be offered to any inmate released from the custody of the department from a court, unless the inmate is wearing the inmate's own personal clothing.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.

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