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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to expanding distribution of college savings plan materials in schools to include pre-kindergarten and to distributing college savings plan materials to parents or guardians within three months after a child's date of birth

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 3-209.2 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 126 for the year 2013, is amended to read as follows:

§ 3-209.2 Distribution of college savings plan materials in schools. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section:

[1.] Department. The term ["Department"]department [shall mean] means the department of education.

[2.] School. The term ["School"]school [shall mean] means [any] a public school [in]of the city school district of the city of New York [under the jurisdiction of the department of education] that contains any combination of grades from and including pre-kindergarten through grade twelve.

b. The department shall develop educational materials [containing information] regarding college savings plans. At a minimum, such materials shall include the following: [information on (i)]

1. Information regarding [college-savings] college savings programs available to students and their family members including, but not limited to, [information regarding] New York's 529 college savings program;

[and (ii) general information]

2. Information regarding tuition at colleges under the authority of the city university of New York and at colleges under the authority of the state university of New York and financial aid eligibility[.]; and

3. Information regarding other resources available to parents and students regarding financial planning for post-secondary education, including education at colleges, universities and vocational schools.

c. Such materials shall be produced and distributed by the department to each school for distribution to every student of such school upon his or her entry into pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, grade six and grade nine and to every student upon his or her entry into a school as a new student, and such materials shall be made available in English and in additional languages as determined by the department.

[c.] d. The department shall ensure that materials developed pursuant to subdivision b of this section are provided to all schools in sufficient quantity to satisfy the requirements of subdivisions [b and d] c and e of this section.

[d.] e. The department shall ensure that such written materials are available in the main or central office in each school and that such materials are available on the department's website for students and parents who wish to obtain such materials.

§ 2. Chapter 1 of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 17-168.1 to read as follows:

§ 17-168.1 Distribution of college savings plan materials within three months of the receipt of the report of any birth. a. Within three months after the receipt of the report of any birth, the department shall provide college savings plan materials described in subdivision b of section 3-209.2 to the parents or guardian of the child, at the address designated for receipt of the child's certificate of registration of birth pursuant to section 17-168.

b. The department shall make such college savings plan materials available on its website in

English and each of the designated citywide languages as defined in section 23-1101 of the administrative code.

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

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