



Legislation Text

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By The Speaker (Council Member Johnson) and Council Members Rose, Treyger, Moya, Chin, Eugene, Brannan and Constantinides

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to shelter for runaway and homeless youth

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 4 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to add new section 21-408 to read as follows:

§ 21-408 Runaway and homeless youth reporting. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the term “test assessing secondary completion (TASC)” means the New York state high school equivalency test which replaced the General Education Development (GED) as the primary pathway to a New York state high school equivalency diploma.

b. Not later than October 1, 2018, and on or before October 1 annually thereafter, the department shall submit to the speaker of the council and post on its website annual reports on the prior fiscal year ending June 30th regarding runaway and homeless youth. Such reports shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

1. A description of the size and characteristics of the current population of runaway and homeless youth, to the extent known, including but not limited to gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, pregnancy and parenting status, and disabilities.

2. A description of the service needs of the current population of runaway and homeless youth, to the extent known, including but not limited to educational assistance, TASC preparation, medical services, mental

health services, services for sexually exploited children, and temporary shelter.

3. A breakdown of the dispositions of runaway and homeless youth who exited the temporary shelter system in the previous calendar year disaggregated by categories including but not limited to transitioned from a runaway and homeless youth crisis services program to a transitional independent living support program, reconnected with family, transitioned to a department of homeless services shelter, transitioned to a New York city housing authority apartment, transitioned to a private apartment, and exited to an unknown location.

4. A description of the public resources available to serve runaway and homeless youth including any new services established since the submission of the previous report required pursuant to this section and any existing services that will be expanded.

§ 2. Chapter 4 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to add new section 21-409 to read as follows:

§ 21-409 Capacity plan. No later than October 1, 2018, the department shall develop and submit to the speaker of the council and post on its website a plan to provide shelter services to all runaway youth and homeless youth who request such shelter from the department, consistent with regulations of the office of children and family services. Such plan shall be informed by the report required pursuant to section 21-404.

§ 3. This local law takes effect immediately.

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