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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to requiring educational outreach within the office of prevention of hate crimes

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph 4 of subdivision b of section 20-g of the New York city charter, as added by a local law for the year 2019 amending the New York city charter, relating to creating the office for the prevention of hate crimes, as proposed in introduction number 1234 for the year 2018, is amended to read as follows:

4. Prepare and submit to the mayor and the council and post on the city's website by January 30 of each year an annual report of the activities of the office, regarding the prevalence of hate crimes during the previous calendar year and the availability of services to address the impact of these crimes. Such report shall include but need not be limited to the following information: (i) identification of areas or populations within the city that are particularly vulnerable to hate crimes, (ii) identification and assessment of the efficacy of counseling and resources for victims of hate crimes, making recommendations for improvements of the same, [and] (iii) collation of city, state and federal statistics on hate crime complaints and prosecutions within the city, including incidents by offense, bias motivation, and demographic characteristics such as age and gender of offenders, (iv) the populations to which the division of educational outreach addressed, (v) the types of programs created or provided by the division of educational outreach and the names of the providers of such programs, and (vi) any other outreach, education, and prevention efforts made by the division of educational outreach.

§ 2. Section 20-g of the New York city charter, as added by a local law for the year 2019 amending the

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New York city charter, relating to creating the office for the prevention of hate crimes, as proposed in

introduction number 1234 for the year 2018, is amended by adding a new subdivision c to read as follows:

c. The coordinator shall establish a division of educational outreach. The division shall have the power

and the duty to:

1. Ensure, by such means as necessary, including coordination with relevant city agencies and interfaith

organizations, community groups, and human rights and civil rights groups, the provision of effective outreach

and education on the impact and effects of hate crimes, including measures necessary to achieve greater

tolerance and understanding, and including the use of law enforcement where appropriate.

2. Create a K-12 curriculum addressing issues related to hate crimes, in consultation with the

department of education.

3. Perform other duties as the mayor may assign.

§ 3. This local law takes effect on the same date as a local law for the year 2019 amending the New

York city charter, relating to creating the office for the prevention of hate crimes, as proposed in introduction

number 1234 for the year 2018, takes effect.

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