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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring space for children at department of social services/human resources administration job and SNAP centers

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 9 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding new section 21-142 to read as follows:

§ 21-142 Space for children in job centers and SNAP centers. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Child. The term “child” means a natural person under the age of 13 years.

Client. The term “client” means a visitor who has made initial contact with the department at a job center or SNAP center, either through a self-service kiosk or with a staff member responsible for keeping track of visitors.

Job center. “Job center” means any location designated by the department as a job center where individuals can complete an application for cash assistance in person.

SNAP center. “SNAP center” means any location designated by the department as a SNAP center where individuals can complete an application for the supplemental nutrition assistance program in person.

b. Every job center and SNAP center shall have a sanitary space and make accommodations for any child in such center including, but not limited to, comfortable seating and age-appropriate and educational materials for any child who utilizes such space. The department shall also make such space available to any

client with a child who seeks to utilize such space.

c. The department shall create a poster containing information on availability of space and accommodations for children pursuant to this section. Such poster shall be made available on the department's website, and shall be displayed in a clear and conspicuous manner in all job centers and SNAP centers. No later than one year after the effective date of the local law adding this subdivision, the department shall create a list of all locations with spaces for children available pursuant to this section. The department shall submit such list to the speaker of the council and make such list available on the department's website.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 90 days after it becomes law.

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