



Legislation Text

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By the Public Advocate (Mr. Williams) and Council Members Rosenthal, Lander, Adams, Richards, Ayala, Salamanca and Chin

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of social services/human resources administration to report on termination of public assistance

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

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

§ 21-142 Reporting on the termination of public assistance. a. For the purposes of this section:

Agency office. The term "agency office" means a job center, food stamp office, medical assistance program office or other part, subdivision, field office or satellite facility of the department or an office that the department contracts with for the administration of benefits or services offered or provided by the department.

Public assistance. The term "public assistance" means all forms of public benefits provided by the federal government, state of New York, or city of New York for which an individual may apply through the department including but not limited to: cash assistance; the home energy assistance program; medicaid; rent increase exemptions; child care subsidies; and the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

b. No later than August 1, 2019, and no later than 30 days after the end of each quarter thereafter, the department shall post on its website and deliver to the speaker of the council a report on instances in which a recipient's public assistance was terminated during the preceding quarter. Such report shall include the following information for each such instance:

1. The date on which the public assistance of a recipient was terminated;

2. The type(s) of public assistance that was terminated;

3. The reason why the public assistance was terminated;

4. The council district the recipient lives in;

5. At which agency office the recipient had applied or if the recipient had applied through the department's website;

6. The race of the recipient;

7. The ethnicity of the recipient;

8. The gender of the recipient; and

9. The age of the recipient.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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