



Legislation Text

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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to mental health treatment for transgender, gender nonconforming, non-binary, and intersex individuals

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 9 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 9-158 to read as follows:

§ 9-158 Mental health treatment for transgender, gender nonconforming, non-binary, and intersex individuals The department shall ensure that any housing unit where transgender, gender nonconforming, non-binary, and intersex individuals are housed has access to the same mental health treatment as units housing other incarcerated individuals.

§ 2. Subdivision a of section 9-145 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new definition of “correctional health services” in alphabetical order to read as follows:

Correctional health services. The term “correctional health services” means the entity responsible for the delivery of health and mental health services to incarcerated individuals in the custody of the department.

§ 3. Section 9-145 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 123 for the year 2016, is amended by adding a new subdivision e to read as follows:

e. Transgender care. Correctional health services shall ensure that all medical and substance abuse professionals working with transgender individuals receive specialized training on transgender and gender-affirming care conducted by an individual or organization with expertise in the subject.

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

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