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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to reporting on the services provided to transgender and gender non-conforming individuals in domestic violence shelters

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 21-143 to read as follows:

§ 21-143 Domestic violence shelter services for transgender and gender non-conforming individuals. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section the term “domestic violence shelter” means a facility operated by the department of social services or by a provider under contract or similar agreement with the department of social services to provide shelter for victims of domestic violence.

b. No later than May 1, 2020 and annually by May 1 thereafter, the department of social services shall complete a review of the outreach efforts and services provided to transgender, gender non-conforming and non-binary individuals in domestic violence shelters and shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council, and post on its website, a report disclosing the following:

1. The number of transgender, gender non-conforming and non-binary individuals served by department shelters;

2. The types of services offered and utilized;

3. The length of time such individuals stayed in the shelter;

4. Their reasons for leaving the shelter;

5. The type of housing such individuals entered upon exiting the shelter;

6. Any complaints the department received regarding services provided to transgender, gender non-conforming and non-binary individuals;

7. The department's outreach efforts targeting transgender, gender non-conforming and non-binary individuals; and

8. Recommendations for changes to the services and outreach offered by the department to improve services for transgender, gender non-conforming and non-binary individuals.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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