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By Council Member Menchaca

A Local Law to amend the New York city charter and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to repealing subdivision f of section 18 of such charter relating to the office of immigrant affairs reporting requirement, placing such reporting requirement in the administrative code of the city of New York, and expanding such reporting

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision f of section 18 of the New York city charter is REPEALED.

§2. Chapter 1 of title 3 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subchapter 8 to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER 8

OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS

§ 3-180 Definitions. a. As used in this subchapter, the following terms have the following meanings:

Office. The term “office” means the office of immigrant affairs.

Director. The term “director” means the director of the office of immigrant affairs.

§3-181 Annual Report. a. No later than March 15, 2018, and each March 15 thereafter, the office shall provide to the speaker of the council and post on the office’s website a report regarding the city’s immigrant population and the activities of the office during the previous calendar year, including, but not limited to the following information, where such information is available:

1. the size and composition of such population, including, but not limited to demographic information, socio-economic markers, and estimates of the immigration status held by members of such population, if any;

2. information including, but not limited to, graphical representations of data regarding the needs of

such population including, but not limited to, social services, legal services, public benefits, education, and workforce development needs:

3. for each need identified in paragraph 2 of this subdivision, information regarding barriers faced by such population in accessing services and what actions the office has taken to address such barriers, including programmatic initiatives and initiatives that are conducted in partnership with other offices or agencies;

4. for each action identified in paragraph 3 of this subdivision, information and metrics, using industry standard metrics where available, that support the success or failure of such actions, including but not limited to:

(a) total program capacity, disaggregated by service type;

(b) number of intakes or program eligibility screenings conducted;

(c) number of individuals served, disaggregated by service type;

(d) number of matters handled, and aggregate data on the outcomes achieved, disaggregated by service type;

(e) metrics that measure the success or failure of a program during the duration of such program;

(f) metrics that measure the continued success or failure of a program over time through comparisons of year-to-year data; and

(g) with respect to legal services initiatives, number of cases accepted for legal advice and full representation, as well as the number of cases referred to other legal services providers, disaggregated by service and case type, and aggregate data on the outcomes achieved in cases accepted for full representation during the reporting window; and

5. recommendations based on the metrics described in paragraph 4 on how the office and the city could further address barriers identified in paragraph 3;

6. for relevant agencies, information regarding requests for law enforcement certifications required in order to apply for nonimmigrant status under subparagraphs (T) and (U) of paragraph (15) of subsection (a) of

section 1101 of title 8 of the United States code, or successor statutes, including, but not limited to, number of requests for certification received, request processing times, number of certifications issued, number of certification requests denied and information as to why, and number of request appeals and outcomes, disaggregated by agency and calendar year;

7. the efforts of the office to monitor agency efficacy in conducting outreach and serving the immigrant population, including the efforts of the task force established pursuant to subdivision g of this section; and

8. the efforts of the director, or such other office or agency as designated by the mayor, in fulfilling the duties set forth in subdivision d of this section.

§ 3. This local law takes effect immediately.

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