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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing a committee on female genital mutilation and cutting, and technical amendments in connection therewith

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter 7 of chapter 1 of title 3 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 38 for the year 2019, is renumbered subchapter 8.

§ 2. Section 3-170 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 38 for the year 2019, is renumbered section 3-180 and amended by adding a new definition of “female genital mutilation and cutting” in alphabetical order to read as follows:

Female genital mutilation and cutting. The term “female genital mutilation and cutting” means the circumcision, excision or infibulation of the whole or any part of the labia majora or labia minora or clitoris. Such term does not include circumcision, excision or infibulation that: (i) is necessary to the health of the person on whom it is performed and is performed by a person licensed in the place of its performance as a medical practitioner; or (ii) is performed on a person in labor or who has just given birth and is performed for medical purposes connected with that labor or birth by a person licensed in the place it is performed as a medical practitioner, midwife or person in training to become such a practitioner or midwife.

§ 3. Sections 3-171, 3-172 and 3-173 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 38 for the year 2019, are renumbered sections 3-181, 3-182 and 3-183, respectively.

§ 4. Subchapter 8 of chapter 1 of title 3 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as

renumbered by section one of this local law, is amended by adding a new section 3-184 to read as follows:

§ 3-184 Committee on female genital mutilation and cutting. a. Committee established. There shall be a committee on female genital mutilation and cutting established by the mayor or the mayor's designee. The committee shall prepare a comprehensive strategy designed to eliminate the practice of female genital mutilation and cutting among individuals in the city and prevent the reemergence of such practice.

b. Duties. The strategy the committee prepares and implements shall include but need not be limited to:

1. Developing guidelines and trainings for educators, non-profit organizations, law enforcement and healthcare providers to assist in the identification and protection of at-risk individuals;

2. Creating and implementing culturally specific public information and outreach campaigns aimed at prevention of female genital mutilation and cutting;

3. Drafting policy recommendations for agencies to adopt in order to address the practice of female genital mutilation and cutting;

4. Making recommendations to improve the city's collection of data concerning the practice of female genital mutilation and cutting among individuals and communities in the city;

5. Developing recommendations to improve the coordination of systems and services for individuals and communities affected by the practice of female genital mutilation and cutting;

6. Developing recommendations to improve the response of agencies to the practice of female genital mutilation and cutting and improve coordination among such agencies; and

7. Providing opportunity for input from as well as soliciting and considering the recommendations of stakeholders, including but not limited to community and faith-based groups, advocacy organizations, survivors of female genital mutilation or cutting, and social service providers.

c. Membership. 1. To the extent practicable, the committee shall include but need not be limited to the following members, who shall serve for four-year terms:

(a) The director of the office to end domestic and gender-based violence or such director's designee,

who shall serve as chair;

(b) The commissioner of children's services or such commissioner's designee;

(c) The commissioner of health and mental hygiene or such commissioner's designee;

(d) The director of the office of immigrant affairs or such director's designee;

(e) The police commissioner or such commissioner's designee;

(f) A representative of the department of education;

(g) A representative of the commission on gender equity;

(h) A representative from each borough's office of the borough president;

(i) A representative of the New York city health and hospitals corporation;

(j) Three licensed physicians who have extensive experience working with patients who have undergone female genital mutilation or cutting and training healthcare providers on related issues;

(k) Three representatives from non-profit organizations that work with individuals who have undergone or are at risk of female genital mutilation or cutting; and

(l) An expert in the field of public health data collection and analysis.

2. At the discretion of the director of the office to end domestic and gender-based violence, the committee may also include one or more representatives of the office of the district attorney of any county within the city.

3. The mayor shall make all appointments required by this section no later than 90 days after the effective date of the local law that added this section.

4. Members of the committee shall serve without compensation.

d. Meetings. The committee shall meet at least four times per year.

e. Report. No later than October 1 of each year, the committee shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council a report detailing its activities and recommendations.

f. Agency support. Each agency affected by this section shall provide appropriate staff and resources to support the work of such agency related to the committee.

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

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