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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to a plan to identify and enroll seniors eligible for supplemental nutrition assistance benefits

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision d of section 21-131.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 134 for the year 2017, is amended to read as follows:

d. Beginning April 1, 2021[February 1, 2018], and annually thereafter, the department, in coordination with the department for the aging, shall submit a report to the speaker of the city council regarding the department's activities with respect to supplemental nutrition assistance enrollment and recertification for seniors. Such report shall provide an overview of the department's activities with respect to supplemental nutrition assistance enrollment and recertification for seniors, including the public campaign and the enrollment and recertification program, and shall include (i) the number of seniors enrolled in the supplemental nutrition assistance program in the previous calendar year; (ii) the number of seniors recertified for the supplemental nutrition assistance program in the previous calendar year; [and] (iii) a comparison of the annual rate of enrollment for seniors versus the number of seniors in the city that the department estimates are likely to be eligible based on readily available community data such as census data; (iv) identification of specific barriers to enrolling and recertifying eligible seniors who would benefit from participation in the supplemental nutrition assistance program, with particular consideration given to seniors who are unable to travel to senior centers, whether due to physical limitation or lack of access to transportation or other reasons, and seniors who are not

receiving other social services; and (v) a plan, developed in collaboration with the department for the aging, to overcome such barriers to enrollment and recertification to reach eligible seniors who are unable to travel to senior centers and who are not receiving other social services. [Beginning on February 1, 2019, the] Such report shall also indicate how the data required by this subdivision compares to the previous year. The report shall further indicate the method by which seniors enrolled in or recertified for the supplemental nutrition assistance program, whether online, by mobile application, by telephone, by paper application, or by other means.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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