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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to entrepreneurship training for formerly incarcerated persons

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 10 of title 22 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 22-1006 to read as follows:

§ 22-1006 Entrepreneurship training for formerly incarcerated persons. a. The commissioner, in collaboration with the mayor's office of criminal justice or other agency as necessary and as designated by the mayor, shall design and implement a program that provides formerly incarcerated individuals with entrepreneurship counseling and training. For the purposes of this section, the term "formerly incarcerated individuals" means individuals who are not incarcerated, but who were released from incarceration within the past five years.

b. The program operated pursuant to subdivision a of this section shall be provided at no cost and shall include trainings and individualized mentoring sessions that instruct on the following topics, at a minimum:

1. Planning a business, including but not limited to drafting a business plan, conducting competitive market research and identifying sources of funding;

2. Registering a business and applying for licenses and permits for such business; and

3. Operating a business, including but not limited to hiring and managing employees.

c. By August 31, 2021 and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall report to the mayor and the speaker of the council on the performance of the program operated pursuant to this section during the previous

fiscal year unless otherwise specified, including the following information:

1. Total number of covered individuals served; and

2. Total number of covered individuals who have started their own businesses within the previous two fiscal years, disaggregated by categories indicating which stage of entrepreneurship set forth below each covered individual has successfully reached:

(a) Creating a business plan, securing funding and registering a business; or

(b) Operating a business; or

(c) Attaining profitability.

d. The commissioner shall promulgate rules as necessary to fulfill the requirements of this section.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 90 days after it becomes law, except that the commissioner of small business services shall take any measures necessary for the timely implementation of this local law, including the promulgation of rules, before such date.

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