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By Council Members Menchaca, Kallos and Koslowitz

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing an office of continuing education and adult literacy

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new section 20-k to read as follows:

§ 20-k Office of continuing education and adult literacy. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the term “director” means the director of the office of continuing education.

b. The mayor shall establish an office of continuing education and adult literacy. Such office may, but need not, be established in the executive office of the mayor and may be established as a separate office, within any other office of the mayor or within any department, the head of which is appointed by the mayor. Such office shall be headed by a director who shall be appointed by the mayor.

c. Powers and duties. The director of the office of continuing education and adult literacy shall have the power and duty to:

1. Liaise and collaborate with relevant offices in the executive office of the mayor and with agencies including, but not limited to, the department of youth and community development, the human resources administration, the department of education, the department of correction, the city university of New York and the mayor’s office of immigrant affairs in coordinating and promoting adult educational and adult literacy opportunities and programming within the five boroughs;

2. Refer and facilitate connection to wraparound services for adults pursuing continued education

including, but not limited to, childcare, transportation, mental, social and emotional support and meals;

3. Liaise with providers of adult and continuing education services and coordinate among such providers to maximize the number of low-income city residents who have knowledge of and access to adult education and literacy services in the city;

4. Promote adult English language and literacy services and programming for immigrant communities within such communities;

5. Coordinate and promote resources and programming to increase digital and technological literacy in adults; and

6. Provide information about and promote training programs, classes and relevant adult education services offered by providers to help prepare adults for basic education, language and any such related tests meant to help adults qualify for and advance in the workforce, including, but not limited to, career-related English language tests and high school equivalency exams.

c. The director, in consultation with any agencies identified by the mayor, shall engage in outreach and education efforts, including the creation of relevant informational materials, to inform adults about adult education programs within the city and about the services offered by the office of continuing education and adult literacy.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.