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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring that the department of social services recognize time spent in foster care for the purpose of rental voucher eligibility

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-145.1 to read as follows:

§ 21-145.1 Rental assistance for youth in foster care. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Youth in foster care. The term "youth in foster care" means a young person who was placed in an out-of-home placement with ACS after the filing of a petition in family court pursuant to article 3, 7, 10, 10-a, 10-b or 10-c of the family court act or section 358-a or 384-b of the social services law.

Rental assistance. The term "rental assistance" means subsidies provided through the rental assistance program established in chapter 10 of title 68 of the rules of the city of New York and any successor program.

b. Eligibility. Subject to appropriation, for purposes of determining eligibility, for any youth in foster care or an individual who was formerly a youth in foster care, the department shall count the time such youth spent in foster care during any 90 days of the previous two years in place of time spent in shelter provided by the department or by a provider under contract or similar agreement with the department, provided that the youth in foster care is otherwise found eligible for rental assistance.

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

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