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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to establishing a universal youth employment program

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 30 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new section 737 as follows:

§ 737 Universal Youth Employment Program

a. For the purposes of this section, the term "youth" means:

1. Any person aged 14 to 17 who is authorized to work in accordance with the provisions of article 4 of the labor law; and

2. Any person aged 18 to 21 who is enrolled full time in a middle school or high school provided that their work hours are limited to those prescribed for minors aged 16 and 17 pursuant to section 143 of title 4 of the labor law.

b. The department shall develop and administer a program for youth in consultation with the department of small business services and department of education. Subject to appropriation, the program shall:

1. Provide a summertime or part-time school year job to every youth who seeks one through the program;

2. Identify and cultivate relationships with employers from the public and private sectors that may offer youth employment opportunities;

3. Identify obstacles to youth obtaining a job through the program, including but not limited to, issues

related to transportation, child care, language and cultural barriers; and

4. Ensure that youth are connected with city agencies, or community based organizations that will enable them to address obstacles identified pursuant to paragraph 3 of this section.

c. The commissioner, or such other entity as determined by such commissioner, shall engage in outreach to inform youth about the program created pursuant to subdivision b of this section. Such outreach shall include, but is not limited to, posting information about the program on the department's website.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law.

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