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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing a child care program fund

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 9 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-922 to read as follows:

§ 21-922 Child care program fund. a. Definitions. As used in this section, the term “fund” means the child care program fund established by this section.

b. Fund. 1. No later than July 1, 2023, the commissioner shall establish, subject to appropriation, a child care program fund from which grants may be awarded to child care programs, in accordance with the requirements of this section.

2. The commissioner may award to a child care program annually a grant in an amount equal to \$1,000 per full-time employee of the child care program, up to a maximum of 20 full-time employees, except that the total combined grants paid to all child care programs in a fiscal year shall not exceed the appropriations for the fund for such fiscal year. The commissioner may award a grant to a child care program pursuant to this section only if the commissioner determines that there is a significant risk of closure or displacement of the child care program, and the child care program:

(a) Files an application for the grant with ACS on a form prepared by the commissioner;

(b) Certifies the number of full-time employees employed by the child care program; and

(c) Meets any other requirements for the grant established by rules promulgated by the commissioner in accordance with this section.

c. Rules. No later than May 1, 2023, the commissioner shall promulgate rules to carry out the provisions of this section, including with respect to criteria for determining how grant awards from the fund may be allocated to child care programs each year in the most equitable manner.

d. Report. No later than September 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council a report that includes, but need not be limited to, the following information for each grant awarded pursuant to this section in the preceding fiscal year:

1. The name and address of the grant recipient;

2. The amount of the grant;

3. The type of child care program operated by the grant recipient;

4. Whether the grant recipient has previously received a grant under this section, and if so, the amount of each such grant; and

5. The reasons for providing a grant to the grant recipient.

e. Website. No later than July 1, 2023, ACS shall post on its website, and update as appropriate, information on child care program grants available through the fund. Such information shall include, but need not be limited to, eligibility for grants, instructions for the application process and required documentation.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.