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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to establishing an office of sexual orientation and gender identity and expression

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-o to read as follows:

§ 20-o. Office of sexual orientation and gender identity and expression. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Director. The term “director” means the director of the office of sexual orientation and gender identity and expression who is appointed pursuant to subdivision b of this section.

Office. The term “office” means the office of sexual orientation and gender identity and expression that is established by subdivision b of this section.

b. Establishment of office; director. The mayor shall establish an office of sexual orientation and gender identity and expression, the head of which shall be a director appointed by the mayor. Such office may be established in any office of the mayor or may be established as a separate office.

c. Powers and duties. The director shall have the following powers and duties:

1. To define issues of concern to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual, nonbinary, gender nonconforming and other individuals identified by the director as appropriate, and the families and communities of such individuals, and work to find innovative ways of utilizing city resources to help address such issues of concern;

2. To review, at the request of the mayor, agency budgets and recommend to the mayor budget priorities to promote programs related to affairs of individuals described in paragraph 1 of this subdivision;

3. To advise and assist the mayor in the coordination and cooperation among city agencies that are involved in the administration, regulation or management of programs identified pursuant to paragraph 2 of this subdivision;

4. To promote public awareness of resources available with respect to the issues described in paragraph 1 and to refer members of the public to providers for advice, assistance and available services in connection with particular issues;

5. To conduct community outreach and education targeted to the individuals, families and communities described in paragraph 1 of this subdivision; and

6. To perform such other duties as the mayor may assign.

d. Annual report. No later than January 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the director shall prepare and submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council a report on the activities carried out by the office during the preceding year.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 90 days after it becomes a law.

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