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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the establishment of a process to divert young people to community-based organizations in lieu of arrest

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 14 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 14-193 to read as follows:

§ 14-193 Youth diversion guidance. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Community-based organization. The term “community-based organization” means a non-profit organization representing the needs of and providing services to a particular community or a trade union that offers apprenticeship or pre-apprenticeship programs.

Neighborhood coordination officer. The term “neighborhood coordinator officer” means a member of the department who spends their shift in a particular neighborhood and serves as a liaison between the police and the community by among other things, attending community events, visiting schools, and meeting with civic leaders and clergy.

Youth coordination officer. The term “youth coordination officer” means a member of the department who seeks to identify young people at risk of becoming involved with the criminal justice system with the goal of identifying opportunities to coordinate with local community-based organizations to improve youth outcomes.

b. The commissioner shall provide guidance to uniformed officers, including neighborhood coordination officers and youth coordination officers, with respect to diverting young people to community-based organizations to receive services in lieu of criminal enforcement.

c. The commissioner shall submit to the council and the mayor, and post to the department's website, within 30 days of the beginning of each quarter, a report containing the following information from the previous quarter:

1. The number of patrol precincts, housing police service areas, and transit districts in which the guidance required by subdivision c is being utilized;

2. The number of individuals within each patrol precinct, housing police service area, or transit district diverted pursuant to the guidance required by subdivision c disaggregated by:

(a) Age;

(b) Race;

(c) Gender identity;

(d) Any potential criminal charge the individual may have received in lieu of diversion; and

(e) The name of the community-based organization to which the referral was made.

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

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