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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting the department of homeless services from requiring a child's presence in person at an intake facility when a family with children applies for shelter

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 3 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-334 to read as follows:

§ 21-334 Children's presence not required in person when applying for families with children shelter. a.

Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Family with children. The term "family with children" means a family as defined in section 900.2 of title 18 of the New York codes, rules and regulations.

Intake facility. The term "intake facility" means a department facility that accepts and processes applications for shelter from families with children.

Shelter. The term "shelter" means temporary emergency housing provided to homeless families with children by the department or by a provider under contract or similar agreement with the department pursuant to part 900 of title 18 of the New York codes, rules and regulations.

b. The department shall not require any child who is a member of a family with children to be present in person at an intake facility for the purpose of applying or reapplying for shelter unless (i) department staff is unable to remotely view the child within 24 hours of the department requesting to remotely view such child or (ii) the child has not been checked in to the assigned shelter by the posted curfew on the day after placement.

Nothing in this section precludes a family with children from bringing a child to an intake facility when applying or reapplying for shelter.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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