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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to community outreach regarding the availability of mental health resources in response to violent and traumatic incidents

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 14-119.1 to read as follows:

§ 14-119.1 Notification of violent or traumatic incidents. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the term “violent or traumatic incident” means any incident or series of incidents that can cause severe emotional and mental distress to members of the public, including but not limited to, a violent act or series of violent acts that cause death or any other incident or incidents that may be shocking, traumatic, or dangerous to the community.

b. Within 48 hours of a determination that a violent or traumatic incident has occurred, the department shall notify the mayor’s office of community mental health, and any additional mayoral office or agency designated by the mayor, of such violent or traumatic incident, as required by section 3-195. The notice required pursuant to this subdivision does not require the disclosure of confidential information or information that could jeopardize the investigation of such violent or traumatic incident by law enforcement, or otherwise endanger public safety.

§ 2. Subchapter 9 of chapter 1 of title 3 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 3-195 to read as follows:

§ 3-195 Community outreach regarding the availability of mental health resources in response to violent and traumatic incidents. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the term “mental health resources” means in-person, online, telephonic, or telehealth resources including, but not limited to, suicide and crisis hotlines, and the online services database as provided in section 3-101.

b. Upon receiving notice of a violent or traumatic incident from the police department as required pursuant to section 14-119.1, the office, and any additional mayoral office or agency designated by the mayor, shall conduct outreach to the local community in which such violent or traumatic incident occurred regarding the availability of mental health resources.

§ 3. This local law takes effect 365 days after it becomes law.

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