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By The Speaker (Council Member Adams) and Council Members Farías, Hanks, Louis, Riley, Restler, Gutiérrez, Banks, Cabán, Brannan, Lee, Joseph, De La Rosa, Rivera and Bottcher

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to additional information collected and reported about foster care youth

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. The opening paragraph of subdivision b and paragraph 3 of subdivision b of section 21-902.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 145 for the year 2016, are amended to read as follows:

b. Annual reports regarding youth and foster care. Beginning no later than [February 28, 2015] April 30, 2026 for the calendar year [2014] 2025 and [every year] annually thereafter, ACS shall furnish to the speaker of the council [,] and the public advocate, and post on [ACS] ACS's website, a report regarding youth in foster care. Such report shall include the following information, disaggregated where available and indicated with an explanation where not available, by age range, gender, race, and ethnicity:

3. Youth who left foster care who were discharged to APPLA. The following information regarding youth who aged out of foster care[,] shall be included in the annual report:

i. number and percentage of youth who were on trial discharge status;

ii. number and percentage of youth who received housing assistance, broken down by the type of assistance as follows:

(a) NYCHA public housing;

(b) section 8 voucher;

(c) supportive housing, disaggregated by council district;

(d) adult residential care;

(e) ACS housing subsidy;

(f) any other type of housing assistance, whether private, federal, state, or city-subsidized or operated, including information specifying the specific subsidies or resources utilized; provided, however, that the information required by this subparagraph shall be included in such report only upon required New York state approval of the necessary changes to the discharge checklist, beginning with the report for the second calendar year following such approval;

iii. number and percentage of young people who left foster care to alternative safe and stable housing, including, but not limited to, an apartment or other place of residence shared with friends or family members, or remained in the home of their foster families; provided, however, that this information shall be included in such report only upon required New York state approval of the necessary changes to the discharge checklist, beginning with the report for the second calendar year following such approval;

iv. number and percentage of youth who completed high school, disaggregated by the type of diploma or credential certification received;

v. number and percentage of youth who passed the TASC high school equivalency test;

vi. number and percentage of youth who obtained an education and training voucher;

vii. number and percentage of youth who are enrolled in college;

viii. number and percentage of youth who were enrolled in a vocational/trade program at the time of discharge;

ix. number and percentage of youth who obtained a college diploma, disaggregated by the type of diploma received; provided, however, that this information shall be included in such report only upon required New York state approval of the necessary changes to the discharge checklist, beginning with the report for the second calendar year following such approval;

x. number and percentage of youth who have a verifiable source of income;

xi. number and percentage of youth who obtained SIJS;

xii. number and percentage of youth who obtained lawful permanent resident status;

xiii. number and percentage of young people who were parents at the time of their discharge from foster care;

xiv. number and percentage of youth who had a permanent connection to a caring adult at the time of their discharge from foster care; and

xv. number and percentage of youth who were discharged as absent without leave at the time of their discharge from foster care.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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