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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to increasing access to data around gender-based violence

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 3-180 of the administrative cost of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 112 for the year 2022, is amended by adding a new definition of "screening for gender-based violence" in alphabetical to read as follows:

Screening for gender-based violence. The term "screening for gender-based violence" means an assessment of whether an individual is experiencing gender-based violence, including using open-ended questions, forms, or other assessment tools.

§ 2. Subchapter 8 of chapter 1 of title 3 of the administrative cost of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 3-181.1 to read as follows:

§ 3-181.1 Data on gender-based violence. a. Evaluation of existing data on gender-based violence. No later than 1 year after the effective date of the local law that added this section, the office, in consultation with the department of health and mental hygiene, shall compile and review all existing data related to gender-based violence, including domestic violence, in the city collected by agencies and relevant organizations. The office, in consultation with the department of health and mental hygiene, shall submit a report to the mayor and the speaker of the council, and post conspicuously on the website of the office and the department of health and mental hygiene, based on such review. Such report shall include:

1. An assessment of existing data sources and whether they are accessible to the public;

2. Recommendations to strengthen data collection around gender-based violence;

3. Recommendations for the collection of demographic information of individuals experiencing gender-based violence;

4. Recommendations for the standardization of collection and integration of data on gender-based violence across agencies and data sources;

5. Recommendations for publishing data on gender-based violence publicly; and

6. Recommendations for following the recommendations in paragraphs 2 through 5 of this subdivision while maintaining anonymity for the individuals experiencing gender-based violence.

b. Outreach program to survey screenings for gender-based violence, including domestic violence, by healthcare providers. 1. The office, in consultation with the department of health and mental hygiene, shall develop an outreach program to facilities operated by the New York city health and hospitals corporation and to facilities operated by healthcare providers that are not affiliated with the city that provide healthcare services. The outreach program shall:

(a) Survey such healthcare providers on how they conduct screenings for gender-based violence and their policy for treatment and referral of confirmed or suspected cases of gender-based violence;

(b) Survey such healthcare providers for any obstacles in conducting such screenings; and

(c) Provide information to integrate trauma-informed practice into screenings for gender-based violence to improve both identification and assessment of gender-based violence and treatment and referrals to relevant organizations.

2. No later than 2 years after the effective date of the local law that added this section, the office, in consultation with the department of health and mental hygiene, shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council, and post conspicuously on the website of the office and the department of health and mental hygiene, a report on the outreach program. The report shall include the following information:

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(a) The survey methodology and design of the outreach program;

(b) The number of facilities operated by the New York city health and hospitals corporation and facilities operated by healthcare providers that are not affiliated with the city that provide healthcare services surveyed by the outreach program;

(c) A description of the responses received in the survey;

(d) A description of the information provided to improve such healthcare providers screenings and responses to identifications of gender-based violence; and

(e) Any additional information the office deems appropriate.

c. Gender-based violence dashboard. The office shall, in consultation with the police department, the department of social services, the administration of child services, the New York city health and hospitals corporation, the New York state office of victim services, the New York state office for the prevention of domestic violence, and any other relevant city or state agency, create an interactive dashboard to share information and materials related to gender-based violence. Such dashboard shall include data provided by agencies on how individuals who interacted with the agency have experienced gender-based violence, including, but not limited to, domestic violence. The data shall be in a format that is exportable and filterable by demographic information or geography.

§ 3. Chapter 1 of title 21 of the administrative cost of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-130.1 to read as follows:

§ 21-130.1 Reporting on gender-based violence screenings. a. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Domestic violence. The term “domestic violence” has the same meaning as set forth in section 3-180.

Gender-based violence. The term “gender-based violence” has the same meaning as set forth in section 3-180.

Intake facility. The term “intake facility” means the prevention assistance and temporary housing center

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or the adult family intake center, or any successor entities.

Relevant organization. The term "relevant organization" has the same meaning as set forth in section 3-180.

Screening for gender-based violence. The term "screening for gender-based violence" has the same meaning as set forth in section 3-180.

Shelter. The term "shelter" means any temporary emergency housing provided to homeless adults, adult families, and families with children by the department or by a provider under contract or similar agreement with the department.

b. No later than 6 months after the effective date of the local law that added this section and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council, and shall post conspicuously on the website, an annual report on how the department conducts screenings for gender-based violence, including domestic violence. The report shall be disaggregated by the location type where the screening occurred, including but not limited to intake facility and shelter. Such report shall include the following information:

1. A description of the method for the screening for gender-based violence, including questions, form, or assessment tool used;

2. The number of individuals served at the location type;

3. The number of screenings for gender-based violence;

4. The number of screenings for gender-based violence with confirmed or suspected cases of gender-based violence;

5. The number of referrals to services and relevant organizations disaggregated by type of service and relevant organization; and

6. Any additional information the commissioner deems appropriate.

§ 4. Subdivision 5 of section 21-902 of the administrative, as amended by local number 134 for the year

2021, is amended to read as follows:

5. [ACS may use preliminary data to prepare the report required by this chapter to be delivered no later than July 31, 2006 and may include an acknowledgement that any preliminary data used in the report is non-final and subject to change] Gender-based violence screenings. a. Definitions. As used in this subdivision, the following terms have the following meanings:

Domestic violence. The term "domestic violence" has the same meaning as set forth in section 3-180.

Gender-based violence. The term "gender-based violence" has the same meaning as set forth in section 3-180.

Relevant organization**.** The term "relevant organization" has the same meaning as set forth in section 3-180.

Screening for gender-based violence. The term "screening for gender-based violence" has the same meaning as set forth in section 3-180.

b. The following information regarding screenings for gender-based violence, including domestic violence, shall be included in the quarterly report and shall be disaggregated by the location type where the screening occurred:

1. A description of the method for the screening for gender-based violence, including questions, form, or assessment tool used;

2. The number of individuals served at the location type;

3. The number of screenings for gender-based violence;

4. The number of screenings for gender-based violence with confirmed or suspected cases of gender-based violence; and

5. The number of referrals to services and relevant organizations disaggregated by type of service and relevant organization.

§ 4. Section 21-902 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding

subdivision 6 to read as follows:

6. ACS may use preliminary data to prepare the report required by this chapter to be delivered no later than July 31, 2006 and may include an acknowledgement that any preliminary data used in the report is non-final and subject to change.

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

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