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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to a universal after school program plan

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 4 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-410 to read as follows:

§ 21-410 Universal after school program plan. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings

After school program. The term “after school program” means any organized program, under the jurisdiction of either the department of youth and community development or the department of education, that occurs outside the traditional school day which allows students to participate in expanded learning activities that include, but are not limited to, academic support, arts and cultural enrichment, recreation, sports, nutrition, youth development, and mentoring.

Department. The term “department” means the department of youth and community development.

School. The term “school” means a school of the city school district of the city of New York.

Student. The term “student” means any pupil under the age of twenty-one as of September first of the academic period being reported, who does not have a high school diploma and who is enrolled in a school as school is defined in this subdivision.

b. Subject to appropriation, no later than September 1, 2024, the department, in consultation with the department of education, shall make an after school program slot available for any student who requests one.

§ 2. Universal after school program reporting. a. No later than September 1, 2023, and annually thereafter on or before September 1, the department, in consultation with the department of education, shall submit to the mayor and speaker, conspicuously post to its website and make available to students and parents, a report detailing the implementation efforts to be undertaken by the city to achieve universal after school pursuant to section 21-410 of the administrative code of the city of New York. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to:

1. An assessment of how many after school slots are needed to achieve universal after school;
2. The availability and cost of creating additional capacity within existing after school programs and how many new after school programs need to be created and the cost associated with creating such programs;
3. Current methods used by the department and the department of education to make students and parents aware of after school programs;
4. The number and percentage of students in each school district taking part in an after school program as compared with the preceding calendar year;
5. The demographic information for students in each after school program including, but not limited to grade, age, race, ethnicity, gender, special education status, and English language learner status as compared with the

preceding calendar year;

6. Steps the department and the department of education are taking to increase enrollment in existing after school programs;

7. Implementation deadlines to be achieved in establishing universal after school; and

8. Any other issues related to after school capacity and participation rates in the city that the department of youth and community development and the department of education deem appropriate.

b. Beginning with the second report required pursuant to subdivision a of this section and for every report thereafter, the department, in consultation with the department of education, shall incorporate progress made in achieving implementation deadlines required pursuant to paragraph seven of subdivision a of this section. If implementation deadlines are not able to be met in any given year, the department shall detail why the implementation deadline will not be met and identify remedial steps the department will take to achieve the implementation timeframe in subsequent years.

c. Upon implementation of universal after school pursuant to section 21-410 of the administrative code of the city of New York, the department, in consultation with the department of education, shall certify to the mayor and the speaker that an after school program slot is available for all students.

§ 3. This local law takes effect immediately, except that section two of this local law is deemed repealed at the conclusion of the final calendar year during which the department, in consultation with the department of education, has certified to the mayor and speaker that an after school program slot is available for all students.

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