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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to the structure and responsibilities of the youth board

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 734 of the New York city charter, as amended by local law number 81 for the year 1996, and subdivisions b and c as amended by local law number 32 for the year 2025, is amended to read as follows:

§ 734. Youth board. a. There shall be in the department a youth board, which shall serve as a forum for representatives of disciplines directly concerned with the welfare of youth.

b. The youth board shall be representative of the community, and shall include persons representing the areas of social service, health care, education, business, industry and labor. To the extent practicable, at least 3 members of the youth board shall be between the age of 16 and 24. No member of the board shall be removed or required to step down due to reaching 25 years of age. If a vacancy arises and no remaining member of the board is between the age of 16 and 24, such vacancy must be filled by a person between the age of 16 and 24.

c. The youth board shall consist of up to [28] 20 members, 10 of whom shall be appointed by the mayor, [14 of whom shall be appointed upon recommendation of] and 10 of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the [city] council. In making such appointments and recommendations, the mayor and the [city] speaker of the council shall make best efforts to appoint at least 1 member who resides, works, or has a significant interest in each borough, and shall make best efforts to identify persons who have demonstrated experience with

organizations or activities directly concerned with the welfare of youth.

d. The mayor shall designate [one of the members] 1 member of the youth board to be chair and the speaker of the council shall designate 1 member of the youth board to be vice chair.

e. All appointed members shall serve for a term of 4 years, and no member shall serve for more than 2 terms. The members of the youth board shall serve without compensation. The mayor and the speaker of the council shall appoint members to staggered terms, the terms of which shall be set forth in the bylaws of such board. Upon expiration of the term of a member, such member shall hold over in their position until the appointing official appoints a new member to such position.

f. The youth board shall [meet]:

1. Meet at least quarterly;

2. Offer recommendations to the department on matters concerning the welfare of youth; and

3. Submit an annual report on its activities and any policy and legislative recommendations concerning the welfare of youth to the mayor, the commissioner, and the speaker of the council on or before December 31 of each year.

g. Annually, no later than 90 days after the board submits the report required pursuant to subdivision f of this section, the commissioner shall submit a report to the speaker of the council. Such report shall:

1. Detail the actions of the board over the previous year;

2. Append the recommendations submitted by the board pursuant to subdivision f of this section;

3. Include responses to such recommendations, as deemed appropriate by the commissioner; and

4. Be posted on the agency website.

h. The commissioner shall maintain on the department's website and regularly update a list of all members appointed to serve on the youth board, including information about the term of each member, the appointing official of such member, and any additional information deemed relevant by the commissioner.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law.

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