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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing a child care workforce grant and services program

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter 1 of chapter 1 title 3 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 3-119.13 to read as follows:

Child care workforce grant and services program. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Administering agency. The term "administering agency" means an agency or office designated by the mayor to establish and administer the program established pursuant to this section.

Child care. The term "child care" means care for a child between the ages of 6 weeks and 5 years on a regular basis provided away from the child's residence for less than 24 hours per day by a person other than the parent, stepparent, guardian, or relative within the third degree of consanguinity of the parents or stepparents of such child.

Covered component. The term "covered component" means an examination or background check required to satisfy a requirement set by the department of education or the department of health and mental hygiene to work in child care in the city.

Covered educational program. The term "covered educational program" means an educational program that satisfies a requirement set by the department of education or the department of health and mental hygiene to work in child care in the city.

Covered individual. The term "covered individual" means an individual without experience in child care who agrees to work in child care in the city for at least 5 years after completing a covered educational program.

Program participant. The term "program participant" means an individual who has received a grant or a connection to services, or both, pursuant to the program established by subdivision b of this section.

b. Child care workforce grant and services program established. 1. The administering agency shall establish and administer a program to assist covered individuals to apply to and complete covered educational programs and covered components. Such program shall include the following components:

(a) The provision of financial benefits to covered individuals to complete covered components and covered educational programs, including loans, grants, in-kind services or in-kind materials, or some combination; and

(b) The identification of available child care positions and facilitation of eligible covered individuals to apply to such positions, including for at least 100 individuals per fiscal year.

2. To be eligible for the financial benefits of the program established by this subdivision, covered individuals shall agree to work in a child care in the city for at least 5 years after completing a covered educational program.

c. Child care services for program participants. The administering agency shall provide child care services to program participants to assist the program participant to attend a covered education program or covered component.

d. Outreach. The administering agency shall conduct an outreach campaign to the public and to students at schools of the city of New York that contains any combination of grades from grade 9 through grade 12.

e. The administering agency shall commence receiving and processing applications no later than 6 months after the effective date of this local law.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 1 year after it becomes law.

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