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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to a disconnected youth workforce development program

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 56 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new section 1308 to read as follows:

§ 1308 Youth workforce development. a. For the purposes of this section:

Disconnected youth. The term “disconnected youth” means youth between the ages of 18 and 24 years, who are neither attending school nor employed.

b. The department shall administer a workforce development program for disconnected youth. The commissioner shall administer the provisions of this section to develop programs in consultation with the department of youth and community development to:

1. Identify obstacles impacting disconnected youth who seek the department’s youth workforce development services, including but not limited to, issues related to transportation, child care, housing, health care and substance abuse, criminal justice, and language and cultural barriers;

2. Ensure that disconnected youth are connected with city agencies or community based organizations that will enable them to address those obstacles;

3. Develop and implement or connect disconnected youth with education programs that will encourage disconnected youth to explore opportunities to pursue a college degree or a technical or vocational career education;

4. Develop and implement a job training program, based on career progression, that offers sector based training for high growth industries including, but not limited to, construction, transportation, technology, industrial/manufacturing, and health care;

5. Connect disconnected youth with financial literacy education resources offered through the city's agencies and community based organizations;

6. Provide entrepreneurial skills training;

7. Connect disconnected youth with on-going follow-up services, such as adult mentoring, work-related peer support groups, additional education or career pathway development training, for at least 12 months after they complete the job training program and/or are connected to employment opportunities;

8. Provide information regarding the complete array of services offered by the department; and

9. Make available labor market and employment information about New York city's high demand industry sectors or occupations obtained from state or federal government agencies, as appropriate.

c. The department, with the assistance of the department of youth and community development, shall coordinate with the appropriate agencies, including but not limited to, the human resources administration, the department of education, the mayor's office, and community based organizations, to implement the provisions of this section.

§ 2. This local law shall take effect immediately upon enactment.

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