

**LOCAL LAWS
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FOR THE YEAR 2025**

No. 115

Introduced by Council Members Joseph, Brewer, Ossé, Riley, Cabán, Schulman, Brannan, Stevens, Nurse, Sanchez, Banks, Hanif, Narcisse, Louis, Brooks-Powers, Rivera, Hudson, Hanks, Ayala, Lee, De La Rosa, Gutiérrez, Bottcher and the Public Advocate (Mr. Williams).

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the provision of luggage to youth in foster care

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 9 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-928 to read as follows:

§ 21-928 Luggage for youth in foster care. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Luggage. The term “luggage” means a suitcase, duffel bag, backpack, or similar reusable container that is designed to hold an individual’s personal belongings and is not a disposable bag or trash bag.

Youth in foster care. The term “youth in foster care” means a person who was placed in an out-of-home placement with ACS after the filing of a petition in family court pursuant to article 3, 7, 10, 10-a, 10-b, or 10-c of the family court act or section 358-a or 384-b of the social services law.

b. ACS shall provide luggage to youth in foster care who are: (1) entering foster care; (2) moving from one foster care placement to another; or (3) exiting foster care, provided that such youth may decline to accept such luggage. Provision of disposable containers, while permissible if requested, does not constitute the provision of luggage.

c. No later than January 31 of each year, ACS shall submit a report to the mayor and the speaker of the council regarding its provision of luggage to youth in foster care during the preceding calendar year. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to, the following information: ACS's efforts to provide luggage to youth in foster care; any barriers encountered in providing luggage to such youth; and any additional efforts to be taken in the upcoming year to overcome such barriers.

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

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, s.s.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a local law of The City of New York, passed by the Council on July 14, 2025 and returned unsigned by the Mayor on August 12, 2025.

MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk, Clerk of the Council.

CERTIFICATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

I hereby certify that the form of the enclosed local law (Local Law No. 115 of 2025, Council Int. No. 1077-A of 20xx) to be filed with the Secretary of State contains the correct text of the local law passed by the New York City Council, presented to the Mayor, and neither approved nor disapproved within thirty days thereafter.

SPENCER FISHER, Acting Corporation Counsel.