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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing a citywide resource navigator for transgender, gender nonconforming, non-binary and intersex individuals as well as for cisgender women

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 3 of title 9 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 9-311 to read as follows:

§ 9-311 Resource navigator program. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Gender nonconforming. The term “gender nonconforming” means a person whose gender expression differs from gender stereotypes, norms, and expectations in a given culture or historical period.

Intersex. The term “intersex” refers to a person whose sex characteristics, including, but not limited to chromosomes, hormones, gonads, and genitalia, do not conform with a binary construction of sex as either male or female. This term may not be the same as a person’s gender identity and is not the same as a person’s sexual orientation.

Non-binary. The term “non-binary” refers to a person whose gender identity is not exclusively male or female.

Transgender. The term “transgender” refers to a person whose gender identity does not conform to the sex assigned at birth.

b. The office shall establish a resource navigator program that shall:

1. Maintain and, as appropriate, update a public database of alternatives to incarceration, transitional housing programs, reentry programs, and reentry services, that serve transgender, gender nonconforming, non-binary and intersex individuals as well as cisgender women who are in, or were released from, the custody of the department of correction; such database shall include up-to date information on services offered by these programs, eligibility, and availability;

2. Provide referrals to such programs and services and, as appropriate, conduct follow-up;

3. Provide outreach and education about such programs and services to transgender, gender nonconforming, non-binary and intersex individuals as well as for cisgender women who are in the custody of the department of correction, and, to the extent practicable, district attorneys, criminal defense attorneys who represent indigent persons pursuant to article 18-B of the county law, the office of court administration, the department of correction, and any other relevant agencies; and

4. Make recommendations to the mayor and the council to improve diversion and reentry resources for transgender, gender nonconforming, non-binary and intersex individuals as well as for cisgender women in custody.

c. The office shall include formerly incarcerated persons in the administration of the resource navigator program, to the extent practicable.

§ 2. Section 9-307 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 220 for the year 2019, is redesignated section 9-308.

§ 3. This local law takes effect in 180 days.

