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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to quarterly reports on shelters for LGBTQ single adults

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision a of section 21-333 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by a local law for the year 2023 amending the administrative code of the city of New York, relating to requiring the department of homeless services and the department of youth and community development to report data on the LGBTQ homeless population, as proposed in introduction number 976-A, is amended by adding new definitions of “LGBTQ shelter” and “single adult” in alphabetical order to read as follows:

LGBTQ shelter. The term “LGBTQ shelter” means a facility operated by the department or by a provider under contract or similar agreement with the department to exclusively provide shelter for LGBTQ single adults.

Single adult. The term “single adult” means an adult without an accompanying adult or child.

§ 2. Subdivision c of section 21-333 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by a local law for the year 2023 amending the administrative code of the city of New York, relating to requiring the department of homeless services and the department of youth and community development to report data on the LGBTQ homeless population, as proposed in introduction number 976-A, is amended to read as follows:

c. The report required by subdivision b of this section shall include, but not be limited to, the following information, as may be obtained voluntarily:

1. The number of LGBTQ homeless persons who received services from the department or who received runaway and homeless youth services from the department of youth and community development during the reporting period, disaggregated by:

(a) Borough;

(b) Age, classified as homeless youth, homeless young adult, adult, and senior; and

(c) The number and percentage of shelter beds reserved for LGBTQ homeless persons, if applicable; the number and percentage of such beds that are available as of the last day of the reporting period; the number of such beds declined by LGBTQ homeless persons during the reporting period; and the reason for each such declined bed, if given[.] ; and

2. For each LGBTQ shelter, the number of individuals who entered such shelter; the number of individuals who exited such shelter; the number of individuals who exited such shelter into permanent housing; the number of individuals who were denied entry, disaggregated by the reason for denial; the services available including but not limited to referrals to education and employment programs, counseling, and healthcare, including HIV and transgender care; and whether staff are provided with LGBTQ inclusive training.

[2.] 3. The department, in collaboration with the department of youth and community development, shall make best efforts to obtain information to prepare the report required in this section, but shall not require any person to provide information for such purposes. Such efforts shall include the provision of voluntary questionnaires at shelters, safe havens, drop-in centers, and runaway and homeless youth crisis services programs.

§ 3. This local law takes effect on the same date as a local law amending the administrative code of the city of New York, relating to requiring the department of homeless services and the department of youth and community development to report data on the LGBTQ homeless population, as proposed in introduction number 976-A, takes effect.

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