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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of social services to create a domestic violence shelter designated for men

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-142.6 to read as follows:

§ 21-142.6 Domestic violence shelter for men. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Domestic violence. The term “domestic violence” means acts or threats of violence, not including acts of self-defense, committed by a family or household member against another family or household member.

Domestic violence services. The term “domestic violence services” means the coordination of appropriate services to clients who have experienced domestic violence, including but not limited to counseling, legal services, and access to employment, housing, childcare, and other resources, where such coordination is provided primarily by a social worker.

Domestic violence shelter. The term “domestic violence shelter” means a facility operated by the department or by a provider under contract or similar agreement with the department to provide shelter for victims of domestic violence.

b. No later than January 1, 2022, the department shall create a domestic violence shelter exclusively for individuals who identify as men. The department shall ensure that domestic violence services are available and

provided to all clients who identify as men and wish to access such services.

c. The department shall share information regarding the availability of such domestic violence shelter created pursuant to subdivision b on the department's website, social media accounts and in person outreach.

d. No later than one year after the effective date of the local law that added this section, the department shall post on its website and provide the speaker of the council a report containing information regarding the shelter established pursuant to this local law, including, but not limited to the following:

1. The total cost of such shelter;
2. The number of individuals who accessed the shelter created pursuant to subdivision b of this section;
3. An analysis of the impact and effectiveness of such shelter; and
4. Any other information the department deems relevant.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law, provided that the commissioner may take all actions necessary for its implementation, including the promulgation of rules, before such effective date.

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