



Legislation Text

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By Council Member Vallone

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to annual reporting on the provision of mental health services to veterans

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 31 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 31-110 to read as follows:

§ 31-110 Reporting on mental health services. a. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Administering agency. The term “administering agency” means any city agency, office, department, division, bureau or institution of government, the expenses of which are paid in whole or in part from the city treasury, as the mayor shall designate.

Mental health services. The term “mental health services” means any activity or resource provided by an agency to help veterans with mental health-related conditions, including, but not limited to, providing information, offering referrals, connecting veterans with internal or external resources and any direct action taken for or on behalf of veterans seeking assistance with mental health-related conditions.

b. Report. No later than March 1, 2020, and on or before March 1 of every year thereafter, the administering agency shall collect information from each agency providing mental health services to veterans and post on its website and submit to the speaker of the council, a report regarding such services. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to, the following information for each agency providing mental health services to veterans during the preceding calendar year:

1. The total number of veterans that inquired with such agency about assistance with or provision of mental health services and the total number of veterans that were subsequently contacted in response to such inquiry;

2. The types of methods by which such agency provides mental health service information to veterans;

3. The total number of veterans that applied to such agency for mental health services, disaggregated by type of service applied for;

4. For the total number of veterans who applied to such agency for mental health services: the number of veterans who are first-time applicants; the number of veterans who have previously applied for mental health services; and the number of veterans who have previously been provided with mental health services;

5. The total number of veterans that were provided with mental health services by such agency; and

6. For the total number of veterans that were provided with mental health services, the average length of treatment.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 90 days after it becomes law.

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