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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/human resources administration to report on termination of public assistance and reopening

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 21-142 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by a local law for the year 2019 amending the administrative code of the city of New York, relating to requiring the department of social services/human resources administration to report on termination of public assistance, as proposed in introduction number 1389-A, is amended by adding new paragraphs d and e to read as follows:

d. Re-open after termination. The department shall post on its website and submit to the speaker of the council and the public advocate a report on reopened cases for the relevant reporting period. The first such report shall be due on November 15, 2019, and shall cover the quarter that began on July 1, 2019. Subsequent reports shall be posted and submitted no later than 45 days after the end of each quarter thereafter. Such report shall include the following information for the relevant reporting period:

1. The total number of reopened cases;
2. The total number of reopened cases, disaggregated by the type of ongoing cash or supplemental nutrition assistance;
3. The total number of instances in which a case was reopened within three months of ongoing cash or supplemental nutrition assistance termination and was reopened for the same type of ongoing cash or supplemental nutrition assistance, disaggregated using the welfare management system reopen codes;

4. The total number of instances in which a public assistance case was terminated and at least one disbursement date passed before such case was reopened for the same type of ongoing cash or supplemental nutrition assistance;

5. The data required by paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 of this subdivision shall be further disaggregated by:

(a) The council district the case head lives in;

(b) The reported race, ethnicity, gender and age category of the case head;

(c) Whether the case head has limited English proficiency; and

(d) Whether the case head has received a reasonable accommodation for a disability from the department.

e. The reports produced pursuant to subdivisions b, c and d of this section shall be stored permanently and shall be accessible on the department's website. Reports required pursuant to this section shall not contain personally identifiable information.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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