



Legislation Text

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By Council Members Holden and Kallos

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to conducting a feasibility study on a digital identification program

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Financial institution. The term “financial institution” means a company with expertise in technology and financial services.

Digital identification program. The term “digital identification program” means a program providing digital identification that is verified and authenticated across digital platforms, that is unique and is established with individual consent and that protects user privacy and control over personal data.

b. Feasibility study and report. By October 1, 2021, the mayor shall designate an agency to conduct a study to assess and determine the feasibility of a pilot program to establish a digital identification program. The designated agency, in consultation with at least one financial institution, shall issue a report on such study, which the designated agency shall submit to the mayor and speaker of the council and post on the agency’s website on or before July 31, 2022. Such study and report shall include, but need not be limited to:

1. The pilot program’s design, including, but not limited to, the scope, the technology, the staffing and the rationale for such design;

2. Information on participation in the pilot program, including, but not limited to, the criteria to participate and the number of participants;

3. The plan to ensure the privacy of the participants, including, but not limited to, ensuring that their personal information is secure and confidential;
4. The plan to administer and conduct outreach on the pilot program;
5. The plan to use the digital identification program to determine eligibility for public benefits and access to city services;
6. The estimated cost of the pilot program; and
7. The metrics used to evaluate the pilot program.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately and expires and is deemed repealed upon the issuance of the report required by section one of this local law.

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