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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to creating an annual report on the performance of department of homeless services providers

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 3 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-311.1 to read as follows:

§ 21-311.1 Fiscal year provider reporting requirements. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Average length of stay. The term "average length of stay" means the average number of days that an individual or family spends in a drop-in center, safe haven or shelter.

Critical incident. The term "critical incident" means (i) a life-threatening assault or injury to a client or employee in a drop-in center, safe haven or shelter or (ii) an environmental concern that results in the evacuation of a drop-in center, safe haven or shelter.

Drop-in center. The term "drop-in center" has the same meaning as is ascribed to such term in section 21-317.

Open violation. The term "open violation" means an open violation identified during an inspection by the department of buildings, the department of housing preservation and development, the fire department or the department of health and mental hygiene.

Per-diem rate. The term "per-diem rate" means the average daily cost to operate a drop-in center, safe

haven or shelter.

Rate of housing placements. The term "rate of housing placements" means the percentage of individuals or families relocated from a drop-in center, safe haven or shelter to permanent housing, including subsidized and unsubsidized permanent housing.

Rate of return. The term "rate of return" means the percentage of individuals or families placed into permanent housing who returned to the department within one year.

Safe haven. The term "safe haven" has the same meaning as is ascribed to such term in section 21-317.

Shelter. The term "shelter" has the same meaning as is ascribed to such term in section 21-317.

b. The commissioner shall submit an annual report to the speaker of the council that provides the following information for the prior fiscal year for each provider of homeless services in the city, disaggregated by each drop-in center, safe haven and shelter that such provider operates:

1. The rate of return;

2. The per-diem rate;

3. The average length of stay;

4. The rate of housing placements;

5. The number of critical incidents;

6. The number of open violations; and

7. Whether the contract for the prior fiscal year was registered on time.

c. No more than 30 days after the report is submitted to the speaker of the council, the commissioner shall post the report on the department's website.

d. Reports required by this section shall not contain any personally identifiable information.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 60 days after it becomes law.

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