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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the expansion of the youth employment program and establish public-private partnerships for youth employment

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 56 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new section 1309 to read as follows:

§ 1309. Summer youth employment. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section the following terms have the following meanings:

Eligible youth. The term “eligible youth” means an individual from the ages of 14 to 24 who resides within New York City.

Sponsoring organization. The term “sponsoring organization” means a community-based organization or local private business entity selected by the commissioner to employ or facilitate summer youth employment program participants.

Summer youth employment program. The term “summer youth employment program” means the employment program administered by the department, in conjunction with the department of youth and community development, to provide eligible youth with opportunities for paid summer employment.

b. The department shall:

1. Annually coordinate and administer a summer youth employment program at sponsoring organizations, in consultation with the department of youth and community development.

2. Develop and administer a year-long mentorship program for summer youth employment program participants. Such program shall include a plan to increase the number of paid summer employment opportunities offered by sponsoring organizations for the summer youth employment program.

c. On or before September 30, 2023, and annually thereafter, the commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of youth and community development, shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council an annual report regarding the implementation of the youth employment program. Such report shall include the following information:

1. The number of positions created by the program each year;
2. The number of positions created since the program began;
3. How the program is being implemented in each sector; and
4. Recommendations on how to grow the program, including whether any previous recommendations were implemented.

§ 2. Chapter 4 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-414 to read as follows:

§ 21-414 Summer youth employment. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section the following terms have the following meanings:

Eligible youth. The term “eligible youth” means an individual from the ages of 14 to 24 who resides within New York City.

Summer youth agency employment program. The term “summer youth agency employment program” means the employment program administered by the department of youth and community development to provide eligible youth with opportunities for paid summer employment at agencies.

b. The department shall:

1. Annually coordinate and administer the summer youth agency employment program.
2. Coordinate with all agencies to annually set aside a certain number of summer youth employment

opportunities for participants in the summer youth agency employment program. The number of positions shall be proportionate to the total number of full and part-time employees of each agency.

3. Develop and administer a year-long mentorship program for summer youth agency employment program participants. Such program shall include a plan to increase the number of paid summer employment opportunities offered by all appropriate agencies for the summer youth agency employment program.

§ 3. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.

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