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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to signage describing certain constitutional and legal protections.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter 1 of chapter 1 of title 3 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 3-196 to read as follows:

§ 3-196. a. Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following terms have the following meanings:

City property. The term “city property” has the same meaning as set forth in section 4-210.

Covered agencies. The term “covered agencies” has the same meaning as set forth in section 23-1101.

Designated citywide languages. The term “designated citywide languages” has the same meaning as set forth in section 23-1101.

Temporary languages. The term “temporary languages” has the same meaning as set forth in section 23-1105.

b. No later than August 31, 2025, the commissioner of the mayor’s office of immigrant affairs, in consultation with the law department of the city of New York, shall develop signage that clearly describes the legal protections enacted in sections 4-210, 10-178, 21-977, and 23-1202. The signage shall also clearly identify examples of nonpublic areas of city property and list the rights individuals may invoke when interacting with federal immigration authorities pursuant to the fourth amendment of the constitution of the United States. The commissioner of the mayor’s office of immigrant affairs shall produce the signage in plain, simple, and age-appropriate language. The commissioner of the mayor’s office of immigrant affairs shall prepare the signage in English, the designated citywide languages, and temporary languages. The commissioner of the mayor’s office of immigrant affairs shall make the signage available to covered agencies as well as the New York city department of education.

c. No later than September 30, 2025, covered agencies shall conspicuously post the signage described in subdivision b of this section in at least one centralized location in each city property housing a covered agency. Covered agencies shall clearly identify which areas of a specific property are non-public and shall post signage stating that individuals may not enter areas beyond the public areas unless accompanied or invited by a staff member of the covered agency. No later than September 30, 2025, the New York city department of education shall make the signage described in subdivision b of this section available (i) in the main or central office of each school; (ii) on each school’s individual website, if available; (iii) on the department’s website; and (iv) on any online portal for students and parents.

d. No later than September 30, 2025, the commissioner of the mayor’s office of immigrant affairs shall conduct community outreach and education efforts related to the contents of the signage described in subdivision b of this section. Community outreach and education efforts shall include but not be limited to distributing outreach materials at registration sites for the New York city identity card, humanitarian emergency response and relief centers, emergency shelters, respite centers, asylum seeker resource navigation centers and via LinkNYC kiosks.

e. No later than October 31, 2025, each covered agency shall report to the mayor's office of immigrant affairs that the covered agency has posted the required signage. No later than November 30, 2025, and every five years thereafter, the mayor's office of immigrant affairs shall provide to the Speaker of the Council a report reflecting which covered agencies have posted the required signage.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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