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Introduced by M. of A. HYNDMAN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Cities

AN ACT to amend the New York city charter, in relation to establishing the office of the youth public advocate in the executive office of the mayor

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The New York city charter is amended by adding a new section 20-k to read as follows:

§ 20-k. Office of the youth public advocate. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section the following terms have the following meanings:

1. "Director" means the director of the office of the youth public advocate.

2. "Office" shall mean the office of the youth public advocate.

b. Establishment. The mayor shall establish an office of the youth public advocate. Such office shall be headed by a director, who shall be appointed by the mayor.

c. Powers and duties. The director shall have the power and duty to:

1. establish, operate and maintain youth-related services and programs, including but not limited to, after school programs, jobs, literacy programs and youth internships;

2. provide recommendations to the mayor, agencies and the council regarding youth programs, jobs, literacy programs, youth internships and high school admission, retention and graduation rates;

3. coordinate multi-agency youth-related services and programs;

4. receive individual complaints concerning city services, school services and other administrative actions of city agencies related to youth services and programs;

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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5. advise and assist the mayor and the council in developing and implementing policies designed to increase summer employment, internships and educational opportunities;

6. enhance the accessibility of city programs, benefits, and services to youths by establishing youth outreach programs in conjunction with other city agencies and the council, to inform youths and families of relevant city programs, benefits, and services;

7. perform policy analysis and make recommendations concerning youth affairs, including but not limited to, after school programs, jobs, literacy programs, youth internships and high school admission, retention and graduation rates; and

8. perform such other duties and functions as may be appropriate to pursue the policies set forth in this section.

d. Interagency cooperation. All city agencies shall cooperate with the office and provide information and assistance as requested, provided, however, that no information otherwise required to be provided pursuant to this section shall be disclosed in a manner that would violate any applicable provision of federal, state or local law relating to the privacy of information, or that would interfere with law enforcement investigations or otherwise conflict with the interests of law enforcement.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.