

**LOCAL LAWS  
OF  
THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
FOR THE YEAR 2021**

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**No. 170**

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Introduced by Council Members Levin, Rose, Dinowitz, Brannan, Kallos, Adams, Menchaca, Rosenthal, Reynoso, Rivera, Louis, Lander, Koo, D. Diaz, Maisel and Riley.

**A LOCAL LAW**

**To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to runaway and homeless youth eligibility for rental assistance**

*Be it enacted by the Council as follows:*

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-145.2 to read as follows:

*§ 21-145.2 Rental assistance for runaway and homeless youth. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:*

*Homeless young adult. The term “homeless young adult” has the same meaning as provided in section 532-a of the executive law.*

*Homeless youth. The term “homeless youth” has the same meaning as provided in section 532-a of the executive law. For purposes of this section, the term homeless youth also includes youth up to the age of 25 as provided in section 21-401.*

*Rental assistance. The term “rental assistance” means subsidies provided through the rental assistance program established in chapter 10 of title 68 of the rules of the city of New York and any successor program.*

*Runaway and homeless youth crisis services program. The term “runaway and homeless youth crisis services program” has the same meaning as provided in section 532-a of the executive law.*

*Runaway and homeless youth services. The term “runaway and homeless youth services” means runaway and homeless youth crisis services programs, transitional independent living support programs and drop-in centers funded by the department of youth and community development.*

*Runaway youth. The term “runaway youth” has the same meaning as provided in section 532-a of the executive law.*

*Transitional independent living support program. The term “transitional independent living support program” has the same meaning as provided in section 532-a of the executive law.*

*b. Eligibility. Subject to appropriation, for purposes of determining eligibility, the department shall count the time a runaway youth or homeless youth spent in runaway and homeless youth services during any 90 days of the previous two years in place of time spent in shelter provided by the department or by a provider under contract or similar agreement with the department, provided that the youth in runaway and homeless youth services is otherwise found eligible for rental assistance.*

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

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, s.s.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a local law of The City of New York, passed by the Council on November 23, 2021 and returned unsigned by the Mayor on December 23, 2021.

MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk, Clerk of the Council.

CERTIFICATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

I hereby certify that the form of the enclosed local law (Local Law No. 170 of 2021, Council Int. No. 2405-A of 2021) to be filed with the Secretary of State contains the correct text of the local law passed by the New York City Council, presented to the Mayor and neither approved nor disapproved within thirty days thereafter.

STEPHEN LOUIS, Acting Corporation Counsel.