

**LOCAL LAWS  
OF  
THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
FOR THE YEAR 2023**

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**No. 53**

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Introduced by Council Members Narcisse, Hanks, Mealy, Stevens, Yeger, Restler, Abreu, Bottcher, Velázquez, Menin, Schulman, Brooks-Powers, Louis, Hudson, Riley, Farías, Lee, Joseph, Brewer, De La Rosa, Holden, Brannan, Dinowitz, Powers, Ayala and Carr.

**A LOCAL LAW**

**To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring police officers to receive training related to recognizing and interacting with individuals with autism spectrum disorder**

*Be it enacted by the Council as follows:*

Section 1. Title 14 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 14-193 to read as follows:

*§ 14-193 Autism spectrum disorder safety training. a. Definition. For the purposes of this section, the term “autism spectrum disorder” means behavior that meets relevant diagnostic criteria contained within the American Psychiatric Association’s diagnostic and statistical manual, fifth edition, as may be revised from time to time.*

*b. Training. 1. The department shall train police recruits, as part of their police academy training, in recognizing and responding to individuals with autism spectrum disorder.*

*2. The department shall, on a biennial basis, train all uniformed members of the department in recognizing and responding to individuals with autism spectrum disorder.*

*c. The training required by subdivision b of this section shall include but not be limited to:*

*1. enhancement of awareness and a practical understanding of autism spectrum disorder, including an ability to recognize common behaviors and mannerisms of individuals with autism spectrum disorder, such as sensory processing disorders, oversensitivity to the environment and auditory processing disorder;*

*2. development of the interpersonal skills to safely respond to emergencies involving individuals with autism spectrum disorder; and*

*3. instruction on interview and investigative techniques to utilize in cases involving individuals with autism spectrum disorder, including cases where such an individual has experienced incidents of gender-based violence.*

*d. The curriculum for the training required by subdivision b of this section shall be periodically reviewed and, when appropriate, modified in consultation with independent clinicians and service providers with expertise on autism spectrum disorder.*

§ 2. This local law shall take effect 180 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 April 27, 2023 and approved by the Mayor on May 11, 2023.

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. 53 of 2023, Council Int. No. 273-B of 2022) to be filed with the Secretary of State contains the correct text of the local law passed by the New York City Council and approved by the Mayor.

STEPHEN LOUIS, Acting Corporation Counsel.