

**LOCAL LAWS
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FOR THE YEAR 2026**

No. 75

Introduced by Council Members Louis, Lee, Avilés, Hankerson, Banks, Gutiérrez, Maloney, Brewer, Narcisse, P. Sanchez, Cabán, Krishnan, Williams, Schulman, Epstein, Wong, Restler, Zhuang, Ossé, Fariás, Stevens, Salaam, Won, Marte, Paladino, Ariola, Vernikov, Carr and Morano.

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the commissioner of health and mental hygiene to report deaths by suicide that occur in the city and suicide-related behavior among youth

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 17-199.31 to read as follows:

§ 17-199.31 Report on deaths by suicide and suicide-related behavior among youth. a.

Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Gender identity. The term “gender identity” means a person’s internal sense of their own gender, which may be different from their sex assigned at birth, and may include identities such as male, female, transgender, nonbinary, or other self-identified genders.

Sex. The term “sex” means the classification of a person as male, female, or intersex based on biological characteristics, including anatomy, chromosomes, or hormones, as recorded at birth or as legally recognized.

Sexual orientation. The term “sexual orientation” means a person’s enduring physical, romantic, or emotional attraction to others, including but not limited to identities such as heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual, pansexual, or asexual.

b. Report on deaths by suicide. No later than 6 months after the effective date of the local law that added this section, and annually thereafter, the commissioner, in consultation with other relevant agencies as appropriate, shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council, and post on the department’s website, a report on suicides that occurred in the city in the calendar year for which the most recent data is available. Such report shall set forth the number of deaths by suicide in total and disaggregated, to the extent available by the following information about each decedent:

- 1. Age group;*
- 2. Occupational category;*
- 3. Race and ethnicity;*
- 4. Borough of residence;*
- 5. Sex;*
- 6. Veteran status;*
- 7. Method of suicide; and*
- 8. Any other subset the commissioner deems appropriate.*

c. Report on youth suicide-related behavior. No later than 6 months after the effective date of the local law that added this section, and every 2 years thereafter, the commissioner, in consultation with other relevant agencies as appropriate, shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council, and post on the department’s website, a report on suicide-related behaviors

among youth, including, but not limited to, information related to sexual orientation and gender identity, to the extent such data is available to the department.

d. Data limitations and transparency. The reports required pursuant to subdivisions b and c of this section shall include a description of data limitations, if any.

e. Privacy of information. No information that is required to be reported pursuant to this section shall be reported in a manner that would violate any applicable provision of federal, state, local law, or rules or regulations relating to the privacy of any individual or any decedent, or that would interfere with law enforcement investigations or otherwise conflict with the interests of any law enforcement agency.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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 February 24, 2026 and returned unsigned by the Mayor on March 30, 2026.

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. 75 of 2026, Council Int. No. 291-A of 2026) 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.

BRENDA COOKE, Acting Corporation Counsel.