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**STATEMENT FROM MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO ON KEY LEGISLATIVE WIN FOR
CITY, MOVING MORE PEOPLE OFF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE INTO JOBS**

Today, the Governor signed into law the “Sanctions Process” bill (S.3596/A.4250), which creates a new “conciliation process” whereby a person on public assistance will have an opportunity to re-engage with their work requirements before being subject to debilitating sanctions. The Mayor issued the following statement:

“New York City has long advocated for this vital change, and we thank the Legislature for passing and the Governor for signing into law this bill, which will help us move more people off public assistance and into jobs that sustain their families. Now families will no longer have to face being stuck unnecessarily in sanctions that prevent them from participating in work and job training, and put them at risk of going to a homeless shelter.”

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