

COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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May 28, 2025

Start: 9:38 a.m.

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HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Sandy Nurse, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Shaun Abreu  
Diana Ayala  
Tiffany Cabán  
Shahana Hanif  
Christopher Marte  
Mercedes Narcisse  
Lincoln Restler

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a microphone  
3 check for the vote on the Committee on Criminal  
4 Justice, located in the Committee Room, recorded on  
5 May 28, 2025, by Pat Kurzyna.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning and  
7 welcome to today's New York City Council vote for the  
8 Committee on Criminal Justice.

9 At this time, we ask that you please  
10 silence all electronic devices, and at no time is  
11 anyone to approach the dais.

12 Chair Nurse, we're ready to begin.

13 CHAIRPERSON NURSE: [GAVEL] Good morning,  
14 and welcome to today's 9 a.m. vote on Proposed  
15 Introduction Number 412-A, sponsored by Council  
16 Member Restler, which would establish procedures for  
17 Correctional Health Services to notify emergency  
18 contacts and attorneys of record when an individual  
19 in custody attempts suicide, is hospitalized, or is  
20 seriously injured.

21 I would like to recognize my colleagues,  
22 Council Member Abreu, Restler, Marte, Ayala,  
23 Mercedes, Cabán, and Hanif Online.

24 I'm going to turn it over to Council  
25 Member Restler to give a short statement.

COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Thank you so much, Chair Nurse. I really appreciate the opportunity to speak today. And I really want to just note, Intro. 412-A, it's a vital bill to bring peace of mind to so many families that have loved ones on Rikers Island. There are over 1,500 serious injuries on Rikers every single day, but there's no formal notification process to let family members know what the heck is going on. Families often find out about hospitalizations until another individual in custody lets them know. Under this legislation, the Correctional Health Services will be required to call a designated emergency contact and the detainee's attorney every time an individual is hospitalized or seriously injured. Violence continues to be far too commonplace on Rikers Island. The rate of stabbings and slashings in our jails has more than quadrupled since the time the Nunez Monitor went into place in 2016. There were 330 stabbings and slashings last year. That means essentially every single day someone on Rikers Island is stabbed or slashed. Use of force incidents have remained extraordinarily high. More than 1,700 incidents last year alone doubled the rate from when the Nunez Monitor came into effect a decade

ago. There are almost 1,000 documented serious injuries every year. In the most recent Nunez reporting period, only two in five people in custody made it to scheduled medical appointments. Sixty percent of medical appointments were missed. It's essential that families have this vital information about their loved ones so they can best advocate for their health and safety.

I'd particularly like to thank the team from the Freedom Agenda, in particular Sarita Daftary and Jennifer Parrish for their advocacy. And most of all, I just want to thank the family members and the people who have been through our criminal justice system, shared their personal experience, and worked tirelessly to try to make our criminal justice system more fair, more just, and more functional.

With that, I'd also like to thank Committee Counsel Jeremy Whiteman, who was incredibly helpful in the drafting of this bill, and my Chief-of-Staff, Molly Haley, who's superb. Thank you, Chair Nurse, and thank you all for the Committee Members for your support.

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CHAIRPERSON NURSE: Thank you, Council  
Member Restler, for sponsoring this important  
legislation.

I'm going to now ask the Clerk to call  
the roll.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good  
morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call  
vote Committee on Criminal Justice on Proposed  
Introduction 412-A. Chair Nurse.

CHAIRPERSON NURSE: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ayala.

COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Cabán.

COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
you. Abreu.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hanif.

COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
you. Marte.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Narcisse.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Congratulations.

3 I vote aye.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Restler.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Stevens.

7 CHAIRPERSON NURSE: Not in today.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: With a

9 vote of eight in the affirmative, zero in the

10 negative, and no abstentions, item has been adopted

11 by the Committee.

12 CHAIRPERSON NURSE: Thank you so much,

13 Clerk. I will now close this hearing. [GAVEL]

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World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date July 9, 2025