



**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
FINANCE DIVISION  
PRESTON NIBLACK, DIRECTOR  
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**INTRO. NO. 1**

**COMMITTEE: Public Safety**

**TITLE:** A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York in relation to criminal street gang initiation activity.

**SPONSORS:** Council Members Arroyo, Vallone, Recchia, the Speaker (Council Member Quinn), Foster, Gonzalez, Koppell, Koslowitz, Nelson, Palma and Rivera

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION:** This legislation would make engaging in any gang initiation activities that create, or threaten to create, the possibility of physical injury, death or physical menace, by criminal street gangs (defined in this legislation as "any ongoing organization, association, or group of three or more persons, whether formal or informal, that engages in criminal conduct as one of its primary purposes or activities") a Class A misdemeanor. The Council proposes to counteract the negative impact on communities of gang activity in general, and activities surrounding gang initiations in particular, as these have been found to involve either actual violence or threats of violence and have sometimes caused harm to innocent bystanders. The Council, therefore, proposes to insert a new section 170 into Title 10 of the administrative code of the city of New York making it a misdemeanor to engage in criminal street gang initiation activities.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This local law would take effect 90 days after its enactment into law.

**FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED:** NA

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:**

	<b>Effective FY10</b>	<b>FY Succeeding Effective FY11</b>	<b>Full Fiscal Impact FY10</b>
<b>Revenues (+)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Expenditures (-)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**IMPACT ON REVENUES:** N/A

**IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES:** There would be no additional resources needed to implement this legislation.

**SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS:** N/A

**SOURCE OF INFORMATION:** New York City Council Finance Division , Office of Management and Budget

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**HISTORY:** This legislation was first considered at a hearing held on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 by the Committee on Public Safety. It was then introduced to the Council as a pre-considered item at the Stated Hearing on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 and designated Introduction 1. A second hearing and vote on this Introduction will be held by the Committee on Public Safety on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010.