

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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December 4, 2025

Start: 11:53 a.m.

Recess: 11:55 a.m.

HELD AT: 250 BROADWAY - 8TH FLOOR - HEARING
ROOM 2

B E F O R E: Althea V. Stevens, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Rita C. Joseph

Linda Lee

Julie Menin

Chi A. Ossé

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Sandra Ung

Shekar Krishnan

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning. This is a
3 microphone check for the Committee on Children and
4 Youth. Today's date is December 4th, 2025, located in
5 Hearing Room 2. Recording done by Pedro Lugo.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning, and
7 welcome to today's New York City Council vote on the
8 Committee of Children and Youth.

9 At this time, please silence all
10 electronic devices.

11 Chair, you may begin.

12 CHAIRPERSON STEVENS: [GAVEL] Good
13 morning, and welcome to today's vote on Children and
14 Youth Committee. I am Council Member Althea Stevens,
15 Chair of the Committee.

16 Today, we will be voting on Resolution
17 843, sponsored by myself. Foster youth face many
18 barriers on the path of higher education, including
19 inconsistency, support, limited guidance, and lack of
20 clear information about the financial resources
21 available to them. Nationally, only about 5 percent
22 of foster youth graduate from four-year colleges. The
23 State's legislation has a solution supporting to
24 address the gaps in this particular achievable by
25 requiring the State Education Department and the

Office of Children and Family Services to prepare and distribute clear, accessible materials about financial aid for foster care youth. This legislation ensures that young people are not held back simply because they were not ever told what is there to help them achieve their goals. The State Senate has already shown its support by passing the bill earlier this year, and it is now up to the Assembly and the Governor to act. This resolution is about empowering. It's about making sure that every foster care youth, every student navigating the child welfare system has the information they need to pursue higher education and build the future they deserve. I urge all my Colleagues to vote in favor of this Resolution.

Now I will turn it over to the Clerk for a roll.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call vote, Committee on Children and Youth. Resolution 843.

Chair Stevens.

CHAIRPERSON STEVENS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Joseph.

COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Lee.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Menin.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ossé.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Aye.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Williams.

9 With a vote of five in the affirmative,
10 zero in the negative, and no abstentions, the
11 Resolution has been adopted by the committee.

12 CHAIRPERSON STEVENS: With that, I close
13 this hearing. [GAVEL]

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Date December 15, 2025