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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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B E F O R E: MARK TREYGER, CHAIRPERSON

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A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

2 JOHANNA CASTRO: We're live.

3 SGT. BIONDO: Recording to the PC has  
4 begun.

5 SGT. HOPE: Recording to the cloud has  
6 begun as well and the stream looks good.

7 SGT. PEREZ: Thank you so much. Back up  
8 is rolling.

9 SGT. BIONDO: Good afternoon and welcome  
10 to today's remote New York City Council Vote for the  
11 Committee on Education. At this time would all  
12 Council Members please turn on their video cameras  
13 for a verification purposes and to minimize  
14 disruptions please place all electronic devices to  
15 vibrate or silent mode. Thank you for your  
16 cooperation. Chair Treyger we are ready to begin.

17 CHAIRPERSON MARK TREYGER: Good  
18 afternoon. My name is Mark Treyger, Chair of the  
19 Education Committee. We are convened today to vote  
20 on proposed Intro 139A local law in relation to  
21 requiring the DOE to report on Student Health  
22 Services in correlation with Student Housing Status  
23 for students in kindergarten through grade 8. This  
24 bill is sponsored by Council Member Levin. This  
25 Committee heard this Bill at a joint hearing with

2 Committee on General Welfare on April 16th of this  
3 year. Students experiencing homelessness and living  
4 in temporary housing attend school in every single  
5 district in this City. Citywide that is nearly  
6 98,000 students for 9.4% of the overall student  
7 population. Prior to COVID-19 pandemic homeless  
8 children and youth already faced many obstacles that  
9 hinder them from achieving their full potential.  
10 COVID-19 has exacerbated those obstacles and added  
11 new ones. At our hearing, we heard from applicants,  
12 parents and students on the challenges they face  
13 every day during this pandemic where appropriate  
14 educational spaces within shelters to transportation  
15 to access to WiFi they have an internet able computer  
16 to engage in remote learning to boost security.  
17 These issues and so many more are acutely felt by  
18 homeless students. This Introduction amends an  
19 existing reporting requirement on student health and  
20 health services. The data includes information on  
21 student based health centers, common student  
22 illnesses and health screenings. This Intro will not  
23 require such information to be decided by student  
24 housing status for students in kindergarten through  
25 grade 8 and work with assistant counsel identifying

2 health challenges based by such student who resident  
3 in temporary housing. I will now turn to my  
4 colleague Chair Levin for opening remarks. I want to  
5 thank also my committee staff for their work and we  
6 will get the Clerk to call the roll if we hear from  
7 Chair Levin.

8 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Actually, Chair it's  
9 Malcolm, we did not hear from Chair Levin, so we can  
10 go straight to Billy.

11 CHAIRPERSON MARK TREYGER: Okay. So,  
12 we'll call the vote.

13 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Good  
14 afternoon, William Martin, Committee Clerk roll call  
15 vote Committee on Education. Proposed Introduction  
16 139A, Chair Treyger?

17 CHAIRPERSON MARK TREYGER: I vote aye.

18 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm?

19 DANIEL DROMM: I vote aye.

20 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank  
21 you. Lander.

22 BRAD LANDER: I vote aye. Thank you.

23 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank  
24 you. Rose?

25 DEBORAH ROSE: I vote aye.

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2 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank  
3 you. Cornegy?

4 ROBERT CORNEGY: I want to publicly  
5 congratulate Minority Leader Matteo in his new role  
6 and for setting an example both him and Borelli of  
7 their republican body of how we can work together as  
8 an example for the rest of this country. I vote aye.

9 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Kallos?

10 BEN KALLOS: Aye.

11 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank  
12 you. Grodenchik?

13 BARRY GRODENCHIK: Aye.

14 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Okay.  
15 Brannan?

16 JUSTIN BRANNAN: Aye.

17 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Louis?

18 FARAH LOUIS: I vote aye.

19 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Riley?

20 KEVIN RILEY: I vote aye.

21 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK:  
22 Gennaro?

23 JAMES GENNARO: Yes.

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2 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK:

3 Dinowitz? Council Member Dinowitz? We will come  
4 back to Council Member. Feliz?

5 OSWALD FELIZ: Aye.

6 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank  
7 you. Borelli?

8 JOSEPH BORELLI: Aye.

9 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank  
10 you. Council Member Barron? Oh Council Member  
11 Dinowitz, yes?

12 ERIC DINOWITZ: Yes.

13 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank  
14 you sir. Council Member Barron?

15 CHAIRPERSON MARK TREYGER: Council Member  
16 you're on mute.

17 INEZ BARRON: Okay. Great. Thank you.  
18 I vote aye and thanks to everyone who helped me join  
19 via my phone.

20 CHAIRPERSON MARK TREYGER: Thank you we  
21 got it and you got it.

22 INEZ BARRON: Thank you.

23 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: One  
24 moment. Council Member Levin?

25 STEPHEN LEVIN: I vote aye.

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2 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank  
3 you. Okay, by a vote of 16 in the affirmative, 0 in  
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5 YDANIS RODRIGUEZ: Hi brother, I'm here,  
6 Rodriguez. Is this Education?

7 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Excuse  
8 me Council Member Rodriguez yes. What is  
9 Introduction. Yeah.

10 YDANIS RODRIGUEZ: I vote aye.

11 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: We're  
12 talking at the same time.

13 YDANIS RODRIGUEZ: I vote aye.

14 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank  
15 you. Okay. Hold on one moment. By a vote of 17 in  
16 the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0 abstentions  
17 the item has been adopted by the Committee. Mr.  
18 Chair, we still have a couple of members outstanding.

19 CHAIRPERSON MARK TREYGER: Did any of the  
20 members indicate to folks that they're on the way or.

21 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: I will  
22 let you know momentarily. Okay. Mr. Chair we can  
23 close.

24 CHAIRPERSON MARK TREYGER: Okay. This  
25 vote is officially now adjourned. Thank you all.



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