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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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Tuesday, November 22, 2022

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HELD AT: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Rita C. Joseph, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Shaun Abreu
- Alexa Avilés
- Carmen N. De La Rosa
- Eric Dinowitz
- Oswald Feliz
- Jennifer Gutiérrez
- Shahana K. Hanif
- Kamillah Hanks
- Shekar Krishnan
- Linda Lee
- Farah N. Louis
- Julie Menin
- Mercedes Narcisse
- Lincoln Restler
- Pierina Ana Sanchez
- Lynn C. Schulman
- Althea V. Stevens

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

2 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Good morning and welcome to  
3 the New York City Council on the Committee on  
4 Education. At this time can everyone please silence  
5 your cell phones? Thank you for your cooperation  
6 chair, we are ready to begin.

7 CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: All right. [GAVEL]

8 Good morning and welcome everyone to today's  
9 Committee on Education vote proposed Introduction  
10 610A, sponsored by Councilmember Eric Bottcher. I am  
11 proud to have signed on to this bill as a co-sponsor,  
12 along with 27 of my colleagues. Introduction 610A  
13 would require the Department of Education to  
14 distribute information about suicide prevention to  
15 students, including the new 988 Suicide Crisis  
16 Lifeline number, information on suicide warning signs  
17 and risk factors and other related suicide prevention  
18 resources it deems important for students.

19 The bill would require DOE to distribute this  
20 information to all students no later than September  
21 15, 2023, and annually thereafter. The committee  
22 previously heard testimony on proposed Intro 610 as  
23 part of an oversight hearing this past September.  
24 Suicide continues to be a serious problem among young  
25 people. It is the second leading cause of death for

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2 children, adolescents and young adults 15 to 24 years  
3 old. Effective suicide prevention is comprehensive  
4 and requires a combination of efforts, including  
5 teaching people to recognize when they need support  
6 and helping them find it.

7 Proposed Intro number 610 would connect students  
8 experiencing mental health related distress to  
9 accessible care and support, which is particularly  
10 critical after students experienced two years of  
11 isolation during the pandemic. I encourage all of my  
12 colleagues to vote yes on this important bill that  
13 could help save lives.

14 I would like to thank my staff and committee  
15 staff. And now I'll turn to the clerk to call to  
16 call the roll. Thank you.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Good morning. William Martin,  
18 Committee Clerk. Roll call vote committee on  
19 education and proposed Introduction 610A.

20 Chair Joseph?

21 CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: Yes.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Louis?

23 COUNCILMEMBER LOUIS: I vote aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dinowitz?

25 COUNCILMEMBER DINOWITZ: Yes.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Abreu?

3 COUNCILMEMBER ABREU: Aye.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Avilés?

5 COUNCILMEMBER AVILÉS: Aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: De La Rosa?

7 COUNCILMEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gutiérrez?

9 COUNCILMEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Hanif?

11 COUNCILMEMBER HANIF: Aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Hanks?

13 COUNCILMEMBER HANKS: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lee?

15 COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Menin?

17 COUNCILMEMBER MENIN: Aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Narcisse?

19 COUNCILMEMBER NARCISSE: Aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Restler?

21 COUNCILMEMBER RESTLER: Aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Sanchez?

23 COUNCILMEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Schulman?

25 COUNCILMEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of 15 in the  
3 affirmative, zero in the negative, and no abstentions  
4 item has been adopted by the committee.

5 The vote will be held open at request of the  
6 chair.

7 CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: Yes. The Chair... Thank you

8 (BACKGROUND VOICES): Congratulations! [Applause]

9 [APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES SILENCE]

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation of roll call. The  
11 Committee on Education, proposed Introduction 610A.  
12 Councilmember Stevens?

13 COUNCILMEMBER STEVENS: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote now, Committee on  
15 Education. The proposed Introduction has been  
16 adopted by the Committee with 18 in the affirmative,  
17 zero in the negative, and no abstentions.

18 CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: Adjourned. Woo!

19 [GAVEL]

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