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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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July 17, 2024  
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HELD AT: 250 Broadway-Hearing Rm., 16<sup>th</sup> fl.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Eric Dinowitz  
James F. Gennaro  
Jennifer Gutiérrez  
Shahana K. Hanif  
Kamillah Hanks  
Shekar Krishnan  
Linda Lee  
Farah N. Louis  
Mercedes Narcisse  
Pierina Ana Sanchez  
Lynn C. Schulman  
Althea V. Stevens

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

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2 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Good morning and  
3 welcome to the New York City Council Vote of the  
4 Committee on Education. At this time, can everybody  
5 please silence your cell phones? At this time and  
6 going forward, no one is to approach the dais. I  
7 repeat, no one is to approach the dais. Chair, we  
8 are ready to begin.

9 CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: [gavel] Good morning  
10 and welcome everyone to today's Committee on  
11 Education vote on Proposed Introduction 118A  
12 sponsored by Deputy Speaker Ayala, a Local Law in  
13 relation to posting information and reporting on  
14 dress code policies in New York City Public Schools  
15 and to repeal Section 2 of such law upon expiration  
16 thereof. We will consider Resolution 292 sponsored  
17 by Council Member Stevens which call upon the New  
18 York City Department of Education to create an  
19 inclusive school dress code policy that complies with  
20 Title IX of the Federal Education Amendments Act and  
21 accounts for diverse cultures, gender expression, and  
22 body diversity. The Committee previously heard  
23 testimony on Introduction 118 and Resolution 292 as  
24 part of a June 18<sup>th</sup> hearing on several pieces of  
25 legislation. Since that hearing several amendments

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2 were made to Introduction 118. Proposed Introduction  
3 118A would require the New York City Public Schools  
4 to post to dress code policies on its websites and  
5 report on dress code policies in New York City Public  
6 Schools, including information about whether each  
7 school has a dress code policy and data on dress code  
8 violations and penalties broken down by month, week,  
9 and student race and gender. The report required in  
10 this bill would cease after five years. The goal of  
11 Resolution 292 is to protect students from unfair  
12 enforcement of discriminatory and gender biased dress  
13 code standards in schools to ensure that students are  
14 not subject to mistreatment or discrimination as a  
15 result of their clothing, and to create school  
16 environments that are safer and more inclusive spaces  
17 for all young people. I'm proud to have signed as a  
18 co-sponsor of these two important pieces of  
19 legislation, and I encourage all of my colleagues to  
20 vote yes on both. I'd like to thank my staff,  
21 Committee Staff. I will now turn over to Clerk to  
22 call the roll. Hold on one second. I'd like to  
23 acknowledge Council Member Shekar, Council Member  
24 Lee, Council Member Dinowitz, Council Member  
25 Schulman, Council Member Narcisse, and Council Member

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Louis. Oh, and on remote I have Council Member Sanchez and Council Member Hanif. Now we may turn to the vote.

COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Good morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call vote Committee on Education, both items are coupled. Chair Joseph?

CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Louis?

COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: I vote aye.

Congratulations to bill sponsor.

COUNCIL CLERK: Gennaro? Dinowitz?

COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Yes.

COUNCIL CLERK: Gutiérrrez? Hanif? Hanks?

Krishnan?

COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Lee?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Narcisse?

COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Sanchez?

COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you, Council Member Sanchez. Schulman?

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COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye on all, and I want to thank Chair Joseph for her leadership and I want to congratulate all the bill sponsors, and as somebody who fought the dress codes when I was in sixth grade, I vote aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Stevens? With a vote of 8 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions, both items have been adopted by the Committee. Council Member Hanif?

COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you, Council Member Hanif. Vote is now 9 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, no abstention.

CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: And I'm closing out.

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Date July 30, 2024