

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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October 23, 2024
Start: 11:07 a.m.
Recess: 11:10 a.m.

HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM - CITY HALL

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Linda Lee
Julie Menin
Chi A. Ossé
Nantasha M. Williams

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Pierina Ana Sanchez

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a microphone
3 test for the Committee on Children and Youth. Today's
4 date is October 23, 2024, located in the Committee
5 Room. Recording is done by Rocco Mesiti.

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

9 At this time, we ask that you silence all
10 electronic devices and at no time is anyone to
11 approach the dais.

12 Chair, we're ready to begin.

13 CHAIRPERSON STEVENS: Good morning and
14 welcome to today's vote for Children and Youth
15 Committee. I'm Council Member Althea Stevens, Chair
16 of the Committee.

17 I'm proud to present Proposal
18 Introduction 87-A for a vote today. This bill is an
19 important step forward to ensure that we meet the
20 needs of our most vulnerable youth, those who are
21 becoming involved in the justice system. Passed in
22 2017, Raised Age Legislation was a landmark decision
23 that recognized the needs of adopting a more
24 rehabilitative approach for justice-involved youth,
25 16- and 17-year-olds. However, this shift comes with

2 the responsibility of ensuring that our system,
3 particularly the Children's Services, ACS, and the
4 Department of Probations are equipped with the
5 necessary data and insights to deliver the
6 appropriate services and interventions. This bill
7 will mandate the collection of arrest information,
8 demographics data, and increase the frequency of
9 reporting, all of which are critical steps for
10 oversight and resources, allocations and policy
11 development. But more than that, this bill is about
12 accountability and improvement. As we see more youth
13 entering secure detention facilities, there's an
14 urgent need to track their outcomes and ensure that
15 our interventions are not just punitive, but
16 constructive. We must be able to respond to their
17 needs with real solutions. This bill will help us do
18 just that. I urge my Colleagues to vote in favor of
19 this legislation as it aligns with our shared goals
20 of promoting better outcomes for justice-involved
21 youth in New York City.

22 I'd like to thank our Committee Staff for
23 their hard work in preparing for this vote, Committee
24 Counsel, Christina; Policy Analyst, Elizabeth; as
25 well as my Staff.

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2 I will now turn it over to the Clerk to
3 call the roll.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
5 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call
6 vote, Committee on Children and Youth, Proposed
7 Introduction 87-A. Chair Stevens.

8 CHAIRPERSON STEVENS: Aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Joseph.
10 Lee.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Menin.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ossé.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Williams.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: With a
19 vote of five in the affirmative, zero in the
20 negative, and no abstentions, item has been adopted
21 by the Committee.

22 CHAIRPERSON STEVENS: With that, I adjourn
23 this vote. [GAVEL]

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C E R T I F I C A T E

World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date October 25, 2024