

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

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August 23, 2017  
Start: 11:11 a.m.  
Recess: 11:30 a.m.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Rm.  
16<sup>th</sup> Fl.

B E F O R E: FERNANDO CABRERA  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Inez D. Barron  
Rory I. Lancman  
Barry S. Grodenchik  
Bill Perkins

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

2 [sound check, pause] [gavel]

3 CHAIRPERSON CABRERA: Are we ready?

4 Okay. Good afternoon. I am Council Member Fernando  
5 Cabrera, Chairperson of the Juvenile Justice  
6 Committee. We are joined by Council Members  
7 Grodenchik, Lancman and Barron. We are here today to  
8 vote on three pieces of legislation that I have  
9 sponsored, which aim to assist in the rehabilitation  
10 of young people detained in the city's Juvenile  
11 Justice facility. Proposed Intro 1237-A will require  
12 ACS to conduct an internal review of the  
13 effectiveness of the agency's current system of  
14 maintaining health records created for youth detained  
15 in ACS facilities. This review would include  
16 examining whether electronic maintenance of records  
17 will improve overall effectiveness of the current  
18 system. With this, ACS will be required to submit a  
19 report to the Council regarding the recommended  
20 improvements to the health records maintenance system  
21 and the timeframe for information of such-such  
22 improvements. This bill is important-is an important  
23 step to ensuring that ACA continues to strive for its  
24 delivery of quality healthcare to young people  
25 detained in their facilities.

2           Next, we recognize the importance to  
3 support a family and community in guiding the  
4 rehabilitation of youth—of justice involved youth.  
5 Proposed Intro 1461-A and Proposed Intro 1452-A aim  
6 to facilitate the maintenance and important  
7 relationships for youth detained in ACS facilities.

8           First, Proposed Intro 1451-A will require  
9 ACS to allow youth in detention facilities to  
10 designate visitors outside of their families  
11 including a coach, teacher, clergy person or other  
12 adults who has a positive relationship with a young  
13 person. Additionally, proposed Intro 1452-A will  
14 require ACS to allow young people in a secure  
15 detention facility to video conference with family.  
16 Together, these bills will work to keep the emphasis  
17 on rehabilitating our young people, and not pushing  
18 them by making sure youth in detention receive the  
19 best possible healthcare and to stay connected to  
20 their community. I would like to ask the committee  
21 Clerk to take a roll call on these pieces of  
22 legislation unless anybody has any comments. With  
23 that, we'll take roll call.

2 CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk,  
3 roll call vote Committee on Juvenile Justice. The  
4 items are coupled. Chair Cabrera.

5 CHAIRPERSON CABRERA: Aye on all.

6 CLERK: Barron.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye and  
8 ask to be added to any of those that are not already  
9 listed and I thank you.

10 CLERK: Lancman.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: [off mic] Aye.

12 CLERK: Grodenchik.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

14 CLERK: By a vote of 4 in the  
15 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,  
16 the negative and no abstentions, all items have been  
17 adopted by the committee.

18 CHAIRPERSON CABRERA: And I would ask for  
19 the roll call to be kept open for then next 30  
20 minutes. Thank you. [pause]

21 CLERK: Continuation of Roll Call, the  
22 Committee on Juvenile Justice, Council Member  
23 Perkins.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Thank you very  
3 much. I just want to take a moment to vote aye on  
4 all.

5 CLERK: The final vote Committee on  
6 Juvenile Justice. All items have been adopted by a  
7 vote of 5 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and  
8 no abstentions.

9 CHAIRPERSON CABRERA: Good.

10 [gavel]

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Date September 2, 2017