**Plain Language Summary**

**Current Introduction Number:**

Int. No. 1868

**Prime Sponsors:**

By Council Members Ayala, Cabrera, Lander, Gjonaj and Chin

**Bill Title:**

A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to establishing an office of Puerto Rico-New York City affairs

**Bill Summary:**

**This plain language summary is for informational purposes only and does not substitute for legal counsel. For more information, you should review the full text of the bill, which is available online at legistar.council.nyc.gov.**

This bill would require the creation of an Office of Puerto Rico-New York City Affairs, which would be responsible for providing services to former residents of Puerto Rico and descendants of residents of Puerto Rico. These services would include assistance to people displaced from Puerto Rico, assistance in completing applications to obtain vital documents from Puerto Rico and applications for governmental programs, and referrals to organizations that may be able to offer assistance. The Director of Puerto Rico-New York City Affairs would make efforts to work with the government of Puerto Rico to provide these services.

**Effective Date:**

120 days after becoming law

**Legislative Impact:**

[ ]  **Agency Rulemaking Required**: Is City agency rulemaking required?

[ ]  **Report Required**: Is a report due to Council required?

[ ]  **Sunset Date Included**: Does the legislation have a sunset date?

[ ]  **Council Appointment Required**: Is an appointment by the Council required?

[x]  **Other Appointment Required**: Are other appointments not by the Council required?

**Note:** In the full bill text online at legistar.council.nyc.gov, language in proposed consolidated laws that is enclosed by [brackets] would be deleted, and language that is underlined would be new. Language in proposed unconsolidated laws, in contrast, will not have brackets or underlining because it would be entirely new. Consolidation means that the law is placed in the New York City Charter or Administrative Code.

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