

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

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April 26, 2010
Start: 11:52 am
Recess: 11:57 am

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:
SARA M. GONZALEZ
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Maria del Carmen Arroyo
James Sanders, Jr.
Daniel Dromm

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2 CHAIRPERSON GONZALEZ: Good
3 afternoon. I am Sara Gonzalez, chair of the
4 Juvenile Justice Committee. Today, we're going to
5 open to have a vote on several bills and also a
6 Resolution.

7 Again, good afternoon, my name is
8 Sara Gonzalez, chair of the Juvenile Justice
9 Committee. Today we will be voting on two very
10 important pieces of legislation. Proposed Intro
11 37-A and Proposed Intro 153-A, both of which I am
12 the prime sponsor. We will also be voting on a
13 Preconsidered Resolution sponsored by my esteemed
14 colleague Council Member Brad Lander and myself.

15 Proposed Intro 37-A requires DJJ to
16 report on a number of specific indicators.
17 Proposed Intro 37-A requires that DJJ on a yearly
18 basis, post a report on its website containing the
19 average daily population in secure and non-secure
20 detention facilities.

21 Furthermore, DJJ must also report
22 on the total number of admitted youth who spent
23 time either in non-secure detention facilities
24 only, secure detention only, or both non-secure
25 detention and secure detention the previous fiscal

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2 year, separated by the following indicators: age;
3 gender; race; zip code of residence; for youth
4 remanded to a detention facility by a court, the
5 most serious charge offense on the court petition,
6 complaint or indictment at the time the department
7 assumed custody; for youth brought to detention by
8 police, whether the top arrest charge was a
9 misdemeanor or a felony at the time the department
10 assumed custody.

11 The second bill, Proposed Intro
12 153-A requires DJJ to report on a quarterly basis,
13 information concerning a number of safety
14 indicators. For each DJJ secure detention
15 facility and for non-secure detention facilities
16 specifically Proposition Intro 153-A requires that
17 DJJ report on its website information concerning:
18 the use of physical restraint by department staff
19 on children; physical injuries or impairment to
20 children as a result of the use of physical
21 restraint; use of mechanical restraint by staff on
22 children; physical injuries or impairment to
23 children as a result of the use of mechanical
24 restraint; fights and altercations between
25 children; and physical injuries or impairment to

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2 children as a result of fights with other
3 children; physical injuries or impairment to
4 children resulting from any other means not
5 previously mentioned; and the number of
6 confinements and length of stay for each instance.

7 Proposition Intro 153-A further
8 requires DJJ to report on a yearly basis the
9 following information: the number of allegations
10 made during the last fiscal year that a child in a
11 detention facility was neglected or abused child;
12 the number of findings made during the fiscal year
13 by Office of Children and Family Services
14 substantiating allegations that a child in a
15 detention facility was neglected or an abused
16 child.

17 We will also be voting on
18 Preconsidered Resolution which calls upon the New
19 York State Legislature and Governor Paterson to
20 develop a more equitable method of billing New
21 York City for placement of its youth in state-run
22 facilities in order to allow the city to reinvest
23 monies into alternative to placement programs.

24 Before I call the clerk, I believe
25 we're waiting on our colleague Brad Lander.

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2 Unfortunately, he's not here, but I just want to
3 thank him for co-sponsoring the bill. I'd like to
4 call the clerk to make the vote please.

5 WILLIAM MARTIN: William Martin,
6 Committee Clerk, roll calling the Committee on
7 Juvenile Justice. Council Member Gonzalez?

8 CHAIRPERSON GONZALEZ: Aye on all.

9 WILLIAM MARTIN: Sanders?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: I vote
11 with my chair, aye on all.

12 WILLIAM MARTIN: Arroyo?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye on all.

14 WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote of three
15 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no
16 abstentions, items are adopted. Members please
17 sign the committee reports.

18 CHAIRPERSON GONZALEZ: Holding the
19 vote open for Council Member Dromm, until the end
20 of the hearing. Thank you.

21 [Pause]

22 WILLIAM MARTIN: Continuation of
23 the roll call on the Committee on Juvenile
24 Justice. Council Member Dromm?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: I vote aye

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on both measures. On all three, excuse me, aye on

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all three.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Final vote on the

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Committee on Juvenile Justice is now four in the

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affirmative, zero in the negative and no

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abstentions. Thank you.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Donna Hintze certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.



Signature__

Date May 3, 2010