



or impairment of any mental faculty, or extreme physical pain. Serious physical injury may be established by proof that the victim required surgery, or a course of medical treatment or physical rehabilitation, or was admitted to a hospital as a patient for medical treatment"; and

Whereas, Such a change in the definition of physical injury and serious physical injury will thus widen the scope of the assault statute, thereby encompassing many more physical attacks; and

Whereas, These broadened definitions of physical injury and serious physical injury will help reduce violence against teachers by making it easier for prosecutors to secure assault convictions, insure that those who attack teachers receive the appropriate punishment and may deter students from attacking teachers; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the New York City Council calls upon the New York State Legislature to enact Senate Bill No. 2191A, introduced by Senator Serphin Maltese, which would clarify the definition of physical injury and serious physical injury under the Penal Law.

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