

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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December 18, 2017
Start: 11:24 a.m.
Recess: 11:44 a.m.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Rm.
14th Fl.

B E F O R E: DANIEL DROMM
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Vincent J. Gentile
Daniel R. Garodnick
Margaret S. Chin
Stephen T. Levin
Deborah L. Rose
Ben Kallos
Andy L. King
Inez D. Barron
Chaim M. Deutsch
Mark Levine
Alan N. Maisel
Antonio Reynoso
Ydanis A. Rodriguez
Helen K. Rosenthal
Mark Treyger
Rafael Salamanca, Jr.

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

2 [background comments] [sound check,
3 pause]

4 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Okay, quite, please.
5 Quiet, please.

6 CHAIRPERSON DROMM: [gavel] Good
7 morning. Today the Education Committee will vote on
8 two bills: Proposed Intro 1604-A sponsored by
9 Council Member Mendez and Proposed Intro 1497-A
10 sponsored by Council Member Salamanca. Proposed
11 Intro 1604-A would expand upon the demographics of
12 those passed by the Council in 2016 and require the
13 Mayor's Office of Operations or the other-or other
14 agencies designated by the Mayor to review the
15 official forms of certain designated city agencies to
16 determine whether they are eligible for updating to
17 include voluntary questions regarding individuals'
18 gender pronouns and if so eligible to update such
19 forms. The designated agencies would include the
20 Department of Education, the Department of Social
21 Services, the Administration for Children's Services,
22 the Department of Homeless Services and the
23 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the
24 Department for the Aging, the Department of Youth and
25 Community Development, and any other agencies

2 designated by the Mayor that collect demographic
3 information.

4 Proposed Intro 1497-A would require the
5 DOE to submit to the Council and post on its website
6 an annual report by November 1st, of each year
7 beginning in 2018 with information regarding students
8 in temporary housing. The report would be required
9 to include information such as the number of students
10 residing in shelters disaggregated by shelter type;
11 the number of student living doubled up, information
12 on Metro Card and bussing usage, the attendance rate,
13 retention rate and drop-out rate of students in
14 temporary housing. I fully support both of these
15 important pieces of legislation, and urge committee
16 members to vote in favor of Proposed Intro 1604-A and
17 1497-A, and I'm going to ask the Clerk now to call on
18 the Committee members for the vote.

19 CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk,
20 roll call vote Committee on Education. The items are
21 coupled. Chair Dromm.

22 CHAIRPERSON DROMM: I vote aye.

23 CLERK: Gentile.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: I vote aye.

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2 CLERK: Garodnick.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

4 CLERK: Chin.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I vote aye and
6 please add me onto 1497. Thank you.

7 CLERK: Levin.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye on all.

9 CLERK: Rose.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

11 CLERK: Barron.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye on
13 all.

14 CLERK: Kallos.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: With
16 congratulations to Council Member Mendez for getting
17 this bill done, and a little bit of competition with
18 the Education Committee because I wanted to pass this
19 out of the Governmental Operations Committee, I vote
20 aye on all.

21 CLERK: Levine.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: I wanted to pass
23 it out of Parks, but I got overruled by central
24 staff. [laughter] I'm still voting aye.

25 CLERK: Maisel.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: [off mic] Aye.

3 CLERK: Treyger.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER Aye.

5 CLERK: By a vote of 11 in the
6 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,
7 both items have been adopted by the committee.

8 [pause]

9 CHAIRPERSON DROMM: Okay, we're going to
10 leave the vote open for about 10 or so minutes.

11 [background comments, pause]

12 CLERK: Continuation of roll call the
13 Committee on Education. Council Member Rosenthal.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: I vote aye.
15 Thank you.

16 CLERK: The vote current stands at 12 in
17 the affirmative. [pause] [background comments]

18 CLERK: Continuation of roll call
19 Committee on Education. Council Member King.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Congratulations
21 being able to vote some of this legislation out of
22 Committee on Education. Thank you, Chair Dromm for
23 your leadership and all that you do for our students
24 and our youth of the City of New York. So, I'll be
25 voting aye on Proposed Intro 1497-A, and 1604-A

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2 I'll be abstaining and I wish everyone a happy
3 holiday. God bless. [pause] The final vote in
4 today's Committee on Education Introduction 1497-A is
5 adopted by a vote of 13 in the affirmative, 0 in the
6 negative and no abstentions and Intro 1604-A is
7 adopted by a vote of 12 in the affirmative, 0 in the
8 negative and 1 abstention.

9 CHAIRPERSON DROMM: Okay and with that,
10 I'd like to say that the Education Committee meeting-
11 hearing is adjourned at 11:44. [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 January 7, 2018