

New York City Council

Memorandum in Support of Legislation

This memorandum is authored by the sponsor and explains the need for the legislation referenced below, in accordance with Rule 6.00(d) of the Rules of the Council.

Introduction Number:

Int. No. 0789- 2026

Prime Sponsors:

Council Member Harvey Epstein

Bill Title:

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to court supervised release program court notification requirements

Submitted by:

Council Member Harvey Epstein

Justification:

This bill would require city contractors or subcontractors who operate a supervised release program to notify the court and all court parties regarding a missed telephone contact or office visit from one of their program participants within 24 hours or by the participant's next court day, whichever is sooner.

After the tragic killing of three New Yorkers at random in November of 2024, it was revealed that the perpetrator, Ramon Rivera, had missed a check-in with his case manager while on supervised release. The policy of the subcontractor overseeing his case was to provide the court with notice of the missed appointment after trying to find him for 21 days, or before the next court date, whichever was sooner. This wait time proved fatal for three New Yorkers. If passed, this bill would create higher standards for notifying the court and all court parties, ensuring appropriate action can be taken if an appointment is missed.