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PRESENT:

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Bill 080750 - An ordinance amending Title 10
of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Regulation
of Individual Conduct and Activity," by
amending Chapter 10-300, entitled "Minors," by
providing for the establishment of a daytime
curfew...

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COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Good

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afternoon, everyone. The Committee on

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Public Safety is now in session.

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Let the record reflect that we

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do have a quorum. We have Councilman

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Clarke to my left, Councilwoman Krajewski

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to my left, Councilman Greenlee to my

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left and Councilman Jim Kenney to my

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right. They are all members of this

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committee.

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We have one bill on the

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Calendar today. And we know it's late

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and we want to get started. Thank you.

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Would the Clerk please read the

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title of the bill.

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THE CLERK: Bill 080750, an

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ordinance amending Title 10 of The

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Philadelphia Code, entitled "Regulation

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"Minors," by providing for the

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establishment of a daytime curfew for

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minors of compulsory school age on days

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when such minors are required to be in

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2 school, providing for penalties, adding
3 definitions and making certain technical
4 changes, all under certain terms and
5 conditions.

6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
7 you.

8 Councilman Greenlee.

9 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
10 you, Madam Chair, and thanks to all the
11 Committee for their patience. It's been
12 a long day. I just wanted to just
13 quickly frame what we're doing here.

14 Last summer right before the
15 break, we had a hearing dealing with
16 problems on SEPTA, particularly with
17 youth, that Councilman Jones held, and
18 out of that we came up with the idea, it
19 was mentioned to us about a process in
20 Baltimore called the "daytime curfew."
21 We worked on that bill with folks from
22 the School District and others. We feel
23 this is an effective way. It's not the
24 answer. It's certainly not the answer
25 for what I would call the real delinquent

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2 child, but particularly for the kid that
3 on a day like today might take off a
4 little early because it's a nice day or
5 something like that, this would give a
6 very small tap on the wrist and in the
7 pocketbook to parents to get a little
8 more attention to their student
9 hopefully, because, as we know, if a
10 student is not going to school, it leads
11 to a multitude of problems, and we're
12 hoping, to use the old phrase, to nip the
13 problem in the bud.

14 So we think this does this.
15 It's been successful in other cities.
16 And I thank everybody for coming. I know
17 the Chairwoman is going to say the same
18 thing. Since we're late, I appreciate
19 everybody's time, but if everybody could
20 be as brief as possible -- am I right,
21 Madam Chair -- to try to get this bill
22 through, I'd appreciate it very much.
23 Thanks to the Committee for hearing this.

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: You are
25 absolutely correct. This is an important

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2 issue, though. Truancy is a national
3 problem, and it just begins to create
4 problems and dysfunctional issues. So
5 this is an important bill.

6 Unfortunately, it's late in the day.

7 I'm going to call all the
8 witnesses up to the table, and on my
9 witness list we have Dr. Lori Shorr,
10 Lieutenant Fran Healy, Francis Pombar and
11 Gregory Patton.

12 (Witnesses approached witness
13 table.)

14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Is anyone
15 here from the Mayor's Office, from the
16 Education Committee?

17 (Lori Shorr stepped out of
18 room.)

19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: When she
20 comes back, just tell her to come up to
21 the table. Okay?

22 All right. Please identify
23 yourself for the record and proceed with
24 your testimony, and we'll start off with
25 Lieutenant Healy.

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2 LIEUTENANT HEALY: Good
3 afternoon, members of City Council. My
4 name is Lieutenant Francis Healy. I'm a
5 Special Advisor to Police Commissioner
6 Ramsey and I'm here to testify on his
7 behalf regarding Bill No. 080750, which
8 would create a daytime curfew for
9 school-age children.

10 First, the Commissioner would
11 like me to extend his gratitude for
12 allowing the Police Department to voice
13 its opinion on this bill.

14 I've had an opportunity -- do
15 you want me to continue with the whole
16 testimony or just introductions?

17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: The siren
18 has actually impacted my ability to hear
19 you. So what was your question?

20 LIEUTENANT HEALY: Did you just
21 want to do introductions or do you just
22 want me to run through my testimony?

23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Can you
24 just -- it's not really that long. If
25 you want to -- we do have a 5 o'clock

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2 meeting that we're all committed to go

3 to, so we're trying to get there also.

4 LIEUTENANT HEALY: I can speak
5 faster.

6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Great.

7 LIEUTENANT HEALY: It's
8 estimated that each day about 7,500
9 students are truant in Philadelphia.
10 While there are multiple reasons behind
11 these numbers, I am here today to talk
12 about truancy and public safety and why I
13 believe this bill can fill a void that
14 currently exists in the truancy system.

15 From my own experience as a
16 police officer, I can say with confidence
17 that habitual truants that I have
18 encountered usually become criminals,
19 victims and, most often, both. So any
20 legislation that can fill the void with
21 the existing truancy system is welcomed.

22 Truancy enforcement is
23 currently spread across the School
24 District, the Department of Human
25 Services and Family Court. The School

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2 District's portion of the system targets
3 young people who have been truant one to
4 seven times, with automated calls made to
5 the home and possible referrals to
6 in-school support services. If a student
7 continues to be a truant for eight or
8 more days, they are often referred to the
9 City's Department of Human Services,
10 where they may receive more services and
11 possibly be referred to Truancy Court.

12 In some serious cases of habitual
13 truancy, a family may be fined or a
14 student may be placed outside the home.

15 Regrettably, under this system,
16 only the most egregious truants get the
17 attention they deserve and does not fully
18 engage the parents until the problem is
19 out of control. This is the void in the
20 current truancy system that this bill
21 aims to fill. It creates immediate
22 consequences for students and families
23 when students skip school. The fines
24 will bring attention to the parents
25 sooner and will allow them to engage the

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2 problem before the child becomes a
3 habitual truant and starts getting into
4 serious trouble or even gets hurt.

5 For this reason, the
6 Philadelphia Police Department supports
7 this bill and applauds the efforts of
8 Councilman Greenlee to protect the
9 children of this city.

10 That concludes my testimony.

11 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
12 you.

13 We're going to actually hear
14 everyone's testimony and then we'll have
15 questions.

16 Please identify yourself for
17 the record.

18 MR. POMBAR: Good afternoon,
19 Chair Donna Reed Miller and members of
20 the City Council Committee on Public
21 Safety assembled this afternoon. I am
22 Francis Pombar, Deputy Chief of
23 Attendance and Truancy for the School
24 District. I'm accompanied by Gregory
25 Patton, Coordinator of our citywide

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2 truancy sweeps, who will also bring brief
3 remarks. Also present are Kelli
4 Lofton-Oglesby from the District's Office
5 of Attendance and Truancy and Joseph
6 Meade, Director of Government and Public
7 Relations for the School District of
8 Philadelphia. It is a privilege to offer
9 testimony this afternoon regarding Bill
10 080750 on behalf of Superintendent
11 Dr. Arlene C. Ackerman and the School
12 District.

13 I am here today to offer the
14 School District's support for Bill
15 080750. This legislation, by
16 establishing a daytime curfew between the
17 hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. for
18 minors of compulsory school age on days
19 when minors are required to be in school,
20 has the power to significantly bolster
21 the elimination of truant activity in our
22 city, if enacted.

23 Dr. Ackerman and the School
24 District of Philadelphia are fully
25 committed, engaged and very serious about

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2 the absenteeism and truancy challenge
3 facing us today. At Dr. Ackerman's
4 direction, the District has moved this
5 issue to the forefront of the educational
6 agenda by reorganizing the Office of
7 Attendance and Truancy and elevating it
8 to a cabinet-level function in order to
9 better meet this challenge for a better
10 Philadelphia. The School District of
11 Philadelphia further continues to enhance
12 partnerships with the Mayor's Office of
13 Education, Department of Human Services,
14 Family Court and other partners to help
15 every child to excel in the years ahead.
16 We realize this work cannot be done in
17 silos, as each of us plays a pivotal role
18 in combatting absenteeism and truancy.

19 The School District recognizes
20 that the City of Philadelphia may always
21 face truancy in its school system.
22 However, Bill 080750 indicates that the
23 City and the District are indeed partners
24 in combatting truancy, as the concerns
25 that led to the introduction of this bill

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2 are closely aligned with the School
3 District of Philadelphia's guiding
4 principles, our four core beliefs.

5 One, children come first.
6 Decisions are always to be made in the
7 best interest of all of our children.

8 Two, parents are our partners.
9 Parents must be fully involved in all
10 aspects of a child's education, in and
11 out of school.

12 Three, victory is in the
13 classroom. And this is at the heart of
14 our core beliefs. Quality teaching and
15 learning takes place in the classroom,
16 facilitated by a strong instructional
17 leader.

18 Four, leadership and
19 accountability are the keys to success.
20 Not just for the child, but for the adult
21 as well.

22 And, five, it takes the
23 engagement of the entire community to
24 ensure the success of our public schools.

25 Thank you again for allowing

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2 the School District of Philadelphia to
3 participate in this afternoon's hearing.
4 We very much appreciate the sponsor of
5 this bill, Councilman Bill Greenlee, in
6 his efforts on behalf of the children of
7 Philadelphia. Absenteeism and truancy
8 are problems that extend much further
9 than the schoolhouse. They affect the
10 student, the family and the community.
11 We value our partnership with the City,
12 and in particular, we appreciate City
13 Council's consistent support for our
14 public schools.

15 Thank you very much.

16 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
17 you. Thank you for your testimony.

18 MR. PATTON: Good afternoon,
19 Chairman, members of Council. I'm
20 Gregory Patton, Sr., and I coordinate
21 truancy pick-up in Philadelphia with the
22 ten law enforcement agencies. We go out
23 every day with the mission for the safety
24 and education of children that we pick up
25 students who are on the streets of

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2 Philadelphia. And our partners are the
3 Philadelphia Police Department, SEPTA,
4 the School Police, Philadelphia Housing
5 Authority Police, Amtrak, the University
6 of Penn, Temple University and the
7 Delaware River Port Authority Police.

8 In the last several years, the
9 numbers have been growing, but not
10 because there are more truants. We
11 believe there's been more enforcement and
12 more collaboration with our ten partners.
13 But last school year we picked up 35,000
14 students from September to June of
15 Philadelphia County. The previous school
16 year we picked up 32,000.

17 The students that are picked up
18 in the sweeps are in grades kindergarten
19 through 12 and they are ages 5 through 19
20 and occasionally above the age of 19 if
21 they're still enrolled in high school.

22 Of the students who are picked
23 up, about 14 percent are taken to our
24 Truancy Support Center. They're in West
25 Philly and South Philadelphia, and the

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2 other students are taken back to their
3 home, to their school or to an
4 age-appropriate school in that area.

5 And for brevity, we'll stop,
6 but the process has been ongoing. We
7 can't do it without all our partners.
8 And when we first started, it seemed that
9 the system with SEPTA was out of control
10 and the streets, and we can now claim
11 that we have the streets pretty much
12 under control from 9:00 to 11:00.

13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER:

14 Councilman Kenney.

15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you.

16 I certainly do support the
17 concept of this particular piece of
18 legislation and do hope to be able to
19 vote for it in the end. There's just one
20 area, though. I was talking with the
21 Chairperson earlier before this hearing
22 started.

23 A number of years ago I had
24 attended Truancy Court, which I think is
25 a tremendous -- I'm not sure whether the

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2 money is still going to be there for it,
3 but when it was in full swing, it was
4 doing a very, very good job. And I
5 remember being in a particular hearing
6 where there was this lady who had came, a
7 mother, because she had been subpoenaed
8 because her kid didn't go to school, and
9 when she got up to the bar of the court,
10 the judge said, Where's your son?
11 She said, Well, he's 6'3", 240,
12 and he wouldn't come. So I'm here
13 because I got subpoenaed.
14 And it was an interesting rest
15 of the morning, because we were lucky
16 enough to have the Police Captain from
17 the 25th District send a wagon to his
18 house and pick him up and bring him in in
19 handcuffs and have the judge ask him in
20 front of his mother why he disrespects
21 his mother so much and makes her come
22 here without him. And, actually, the
23 kid -- we followed the case later. The
24 kid actually got back on track and
25 started going to school.

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2 What would you suggest we do to
3 provide some way for a parent who is
4 responsible and who just can't control
5 her adult son? I mean, my son is 6'1",
6 230. I'm not going to fight him. And I
7 don't -- I need to know or I can have the
8 sponsors think about -- I mean, I don't
9 want to hit that lady with a \$300 fine,
10 because I don't think she deserves it.

11 Is there some way we could
12 document that she or he has attended
13 counseling, has gone to the school, has
14 tried to do everything that they can to
15 get the kid back on track but the kids
16 just won't do it?

17 You know, I agree with the
18 entire concept of the bill and I want
19 these kids off the street and I want them
20 in school, but when you have a kid
21 that's -- she may be a single mom,
22 whatever. She just can't deal with him.
23 I'm sure you've run into that
24 circumstance.

25 MR. PATTON: Right now our

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2 concept and process that we use now is
3 still using that Truancy Court that you
4 went to. DHS provides services to the
5 family of truant students before they go
6 to court. They're assigned a
7 community-based organization, funded and
8 paid for by DHS, look into the issues,
9 give the parent support, give the child
10 support.

11 At the school level, we have
12 our counselors, the CSAP process and
13 everything possible that the family and
14 child has done prior to court. The first
15 court hearing is more or less to see what
16 we can do to help you and move this
17 family along. But ultimately you're
18 going to have that parent that has not
19 the control, and that's going to be a
20 rare case, Councilman. You're going to
21 find out for the parent who thought they
22 couldn't do it, when they get that fine,
23 they may find another way to do it.
24 There will be a percentage that can't
25 move their children, but there's a large

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2 number sitting there right now because
3 there are no consequences, they don't
4 engage and get involved.

5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: As the
6 sponsor of the bill, was it intended to
7 have these adjudicated at the Bureau of
8 Administrative Adjudication?

9 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Correct.
10 That's part of the amendments that I put
11 in.

12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Okay.

13 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: And,
14 remember, the initial fine is \$25, and if
15 the person -- just like with any code
16 violation, if you will, once they go in
17 and argue their particular
18 circumstances --

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: So there's
20 an opportunity for them to present to a
21 hearing examiner, Look, I've been trying
22 to help this kid for the past two years
23 and --

24 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Correct.

25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: That's

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2 fine.

3 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: And just
4 on top of that, if I may, Madam Chair.

5 Councilman Kenney, in the
6 amendments that we're circulating, one of
7 the reasons -- we tried to make it as
8 attention-grabbing but also as light
9 penalty as possible. That's why instead
10 of putting it up in increments, we just
11 kept it at \$25, because we know there are
12 those kind of situations. But I think as
13 Mr. Patton said, I think the majority of
14 people, because there are parents and
15 kids, we hope, want to do things right.
16 Once we grab their attention with this
17 fine, I think it will -- because let's
18 face it, just human beings what they are,
19 sometimes you need to just touch their
20 pocketbook a little bit to get their
21 attention.

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I don't
23 disagree. I just wanted to make sure
24 that there was some safety valve for a
25 responsible parent who has a kid they

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2 just can't -- is too big to move.

3 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: You're
4 absolutely right. No; there is.

5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you.

6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I want to
7 recognize that Councilman Rizzo and
8 Councilman Jones, members of this
9 Committee, are also in attendance. And I
10 have one question, too, and then I'll
11 call on Councilman Jones.

12 Please tell me about a
13 five-year-old that's truant.

14 MR. PATTON: Actually,
15 Councilwoman, that five-year-old was the
16 brains of the operation with a group of
17 eight- and nine-year-olds. He was the
18 brightest in the group.

19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Whatever
20 hooky group?

21 MR. PATTON: They were
22 hookying. And, actually, they were on
23 the train tracks. They decided to walk
24 from North Philly to 23rd and Winter
25 Street on the train tracks. It's one of

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2 the scariest events we've had, because we
3 actually had to get Amtrak, SEPTA, Philly
4 Police involved, stop the trains, get the
5 little children off the track. But the
6 five-year-old planned the mission and got
7 a group of followers. They were cousins
8 and neighbors.

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: That's
10 amazing.

11 MR. PATTON: Yes. Our children
12 are brilliant.

13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Yes, they
14 are.

15 MR. POMBAR: If I may, on an
16 average day, we have 15,000 of our
17 children not going to school. Half of
18 those are unexcused. And that's one less
19 day of instruction, whether you're
20 excused or unexcused from school.

21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: That's
22 unfortunate. Okay. Thank you.

23 Councilman Jones.

24 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
25 Madam Chair.

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2 I want to thank all of the
3 people that worked hard to bring this
4 bill to this Committee, and I'll say that
5 my staff in their research of it found a
6 couple truisms. One, that the School
7 Board is an integral partner in this, and
8 I was encouraged by the new
9 Superintendent's comments as to use
10 truancy as an early warning detecting
11 system for problem children, and that
12 this companion ordinance is a key part of
13 that.

14 As my colleague said,
15 Councilman Greenlee, it's not designed to
16 be financially punitive. It is designed
17 to get parents' attention and jar them
18 into being responsible. And even if they
19 are incapable of parenting their child,
20 we as society need to know it, and it
21 needs to be brought to our attention so
22 that we can intervene.

23 The idea here is not to
24 financially burden people who have
25 already -- in a lot of cases, the reason

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2 that their child is out of control is
3 that they're single parents, head of
4 household, trying to make ends meet by an
5 extra job, so, therefore, the supervision
6 isn't always there. But priorities are
7 priorities, and the priority is to be a
8 parent and to supervise your child, and
9 where the individual parent cannot, then
10 society often has to step in, and that
11 these early warning signs are important.
12 Why? In my first -- even before the ink
13 was dry on swearing in, I stood over the
14 body of a teenager who was out beyond a
15 curfew period that already is
16 established, and in so doing, when the
17 police from the 19th Police District were
18 questioning the witnesses, 50 percent of
19 them were underage and in curfew
20 violation. So by them being on the
21 scene, by them being not where they're
22 supposed to be, in this case in school,
23 they're putting themselves in harm's way.
24 And I think this ordinance goes a long
25 way of trying to right that direction for

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2 these young people.

3 Thank you, Madam Chair.

4 MR. POMBAR: May I make a
5 comment, please? Dr. Ackerman has placed
6 128 parent ombudsman and 128 student
7 advisors. The responsibility of that
8 parent ombudsman is solely to build a
9 relationship between the school and the
10 community and help that parent feel
11 welcomed to that school, help with
12 whatever situation that parent is facing
13 early on and bring those resources to
14 bear for that parent and that child's
15 support.

16 We're also collaborating very
17 closely with the Mayor's Education
18 Office, with DHS, the Family Court as far
19 as data sharing, so that we all have a
20 complete profile of that child so we can
21 then better give those supports to that
22 family.

23 MR. PATTON: I want to thank
24 the Councilman, especially Councilman
25 Rizzo. We started this conversation

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2 probably about three years ago.

3 Councilman Jones and Greenlee, we spoke

4 last year. We moved forward. I thank

5 you for finally getting to this point.

6 The one thing that has been

7 amazing in the seven years I've done this

8 is the number of parents who drive their

9 children to the front door of the school,

10 pull off and junior or juniorette makes a

11 U-turn, and without us informing them,

12 they have no idea.

13 I think the greatest

14 appreciation we get from parents is the

15 information that your child is not where

16 you think they are, and that means we can

17 actually help them.

18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: All

19 right. I used to work right down the

20 street from Germantown High School and

21 I've seen exactly what you're talking

22 about. Parents drop their children off

23 at the doughnut shop and that's where

24 they stayed. The only sidewalk on the

25 block they were not allowed on was our

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2 sidewalk. We would not allow those

3 children to hang on that sidewalk.

4 Eventually the school actually did

5 contact the parents, and that we see many

6 a morning that the parent comes back and

7 grabs their children off the step or

8 whatnot.

9 So it's difficult. It's not so

10 easy. As Councilman Kenney said, many of

11 these parents cannot control these

12 children.

13 Any other questions of these

14 witnesses?

15 Lieutenant Healy.

16 LIEUTENANT HEALY: Actually,

17 I'd like to comment on what Councilman

18 Kenney brought up, a very good point,

19 that I think it might be a good idea, in

20 addition to the legislation, if the

21 School District and other departments put

22 together maybe a flyer to insert with the

23 ticket so as services are made available,

24 so the parents know what services are

25 available.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: That's
3 right.

4 LIEUTENANT HEALY: They may
5 have to pay the \$25 fine, but letting
6 them know what is available might be
7 very -- and that would accomplish your
8 goal, too.

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Yeah.

10 LIEUTENANT HEALY: But that's
11 just an idea. That's not part of the
12 legislation.

13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: We
14 actually think it's a great idea, because
15 parents need to know what resources. I
16 know many times we go to community
17 meetings, people are saying, I need help,
18 I need help with my child. Where can I
19 turn? So I think what you're saying is
20 we can sort of give them "where to go"
21 information.

22 LIEUTENANT HEALY: Right. If
23 you need help, just insert it with the
24 ticket in the envelope and they have the
25 information and phone numbers.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Yes.

3 That's really great.

4 I also just want to make sure
5 that people know that we do have Dr. Lori
6 Shorr in the audience, and what we'll do
7 is actually turn her testimony in for the
8 record. Okay? Unless it's something you
9 want to say.

10 MS. SHORR: No. My partners
11 are up here.

12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay.
13 Great.

14 Any other questions for these
15 witnesses?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: And I
18 just personally want to say thank you for
19 coming. You've probably been here since
20 like 2:30.

21 (Audience member saying, "We
22 know all about PVC.")

23 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: That's
24 right.

25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER:

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2 Councilman Greenlee.

3 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Madam
4 Chair, I certainly want to thank
5 everybody involved. I have to mention
6 Mr. Patton. It is clear he feels very
7 strongly about this. It's easy to give
8 up, I think, on these kind of problems,
9 and he has not done that. He has kept at
10 it for a long time, and I appreciate him
11 bringing the information to us, and we're
12 glad to have followed through.

13 And if I could just add one
14 other thank you, if I may. Ms. Leonard
15 from the technical staff put this
16 together and I think put in the
17 amendments, and we must have rewritten
18 this about five times. So I appreciate
19 all her help always that she gives us.
20 So thank you very much.

21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Are there
22 any other witnesses to testify?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
25 you. Seeing none, this concludes the

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2 public hearing on the Committee on Public
3 Safety. We will now go into our public
4 meeting.

5 Councilman Greenlee, you have
6 an amendment to this bill?

7 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Yes,
8 Madam Chair. Thank you. I move the
9 amendment to Bill 080750, but I also just
10 quickly want to explain it so everybody
11 is clear. A lot of it is just kind of
12 cleaning up the language and make it
13 consistent with what Councilman Kenney
14 talked about. To make clear, it goes to
15 the Bureau of Administrative Adjudication
16 and how that would be handled, and also
17 it takes out the incremental fines for a
18 couple reasons. First, I wanted to keep
19 it as simple as possible, and also it
20 would be kind of burdensome on the BAA,
21 Bureau of Administrative Adjudication, to
22 try to work all that out.

23 So given that explanation, I
24 move the adoption of the amendments to
25 that bill.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: All in
4 favor?

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Everyone
9 has voted in favor of amending Bill No.
10 080750.

11 So now we want to entertain a
12 motion to move this bill, report this
13 bill out of Committee.

14 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
15 you, Madam Chair. I move that Bill No.
16 080750, as amended, be reported out of
17 this Committee with a favorable
18 recommendation and, further, that the
19 rules of Council be suspended to allow
20 for first reading at our next session of
21 Council.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: It's been
24 properly moved and seconded that Bill No.
25 080750 be reported out of this Committee

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2 with a favorable recommendation and that
3 the rules of Council be suspended.

4 All in favor signify by saying
5 aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: The ayes
10 have it. This bill has been properly
11 moved and seconded, and the rules of
12 Council have been suspended so as to
13 permit first reading at our next session.

14 Thank you. This concludes our
15 hearing. Thank you for coming. Thank
16 you for your patience. Thank you for
17 staying.

18 (Committee on Public Safety
19 concluded at 4:40 p.m.)

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