



Offered by:

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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING THE BCYF STREETWORKER PROGRAM

WHEREAS, The BCYF Streetworker Program was initiated in 1990 to help connect youth to needed services and resources through direct, targeted street outreach; and

WHEREAS, Streetworkers are often credited with decreases in youth violence by being on the front lines, intervening before violence strikes; and

WHEREAS, A streetworker is asked to regularly put themselves in dangerous and potentially life-threatening situations; and

WHEREAS, Streetworkers, when injured on the job, receive only workers' compensation when unable to work due to their injuries. *NOW*

THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to examine the challenges and hazards faced by those working in the BCYF Streetworker Program; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDERED,

That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council review current and potential means for fairly compensating streetworkers who are injured on the job. Representatives from Boston Centers for Youth and Families, SEIU Local 888, employees serving in the streetworker program, and other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

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