

RESOLUTION NUMBER 184

Whereas, the President of the Board of Aldermen is authorized under Rule 17, of the St. Louis City Board of Aldermen Rules to appoint a special committee upon adoption of a Resolution by the Board; and

Whereas, over twenty-four percent (24%), or 77,908 persons living within the City of St. Louis are under the age of nineteen (19); and

Whereas, twenty-two percent (22%) of youth living within the City of St. Louis will struggle with Mental Health Disorders according to the St. Louis Mental Health Board's 2014 Health Needs Assessment; and

Whereas, the City of St. Louis has roughly 61,000 school-aged youth; and

Whereas, the City of St. Louis has a variety of education options available to families living within the City of St. Louis including public, charter, VICC, parochial, private and others; and

Whereas, the recent events in our region demonstrate that there is a need for a special committee to focus on Youth and Education issues that impact the future and vitality of our City; and

Whereas, a Youth and Education Special Committee shall consider all matters concerning the promotion of youth opportunities, recreation, pre-education/child care in the City, juvenile intervention efforts, youth employment, positive activities and environments, as well as the quality of education and the provision of education to youth, especially those youth at high risk or disadvantage; and

Whereas, a Youth and Education Special Committee will conclude its task at the end of this current session of the Board.

Now Therefore Be it Resolved the President of the Board of Aldermen is directed to and shall form a Youth and Education Special Committee of the Board of Aldermen to consider issues relevant to promoting educational opportunities, removing barriers to educational opportunities, and educating and separating at-risk youth from behaviors which lead to negative consequences, including dropping out of school. This Committee will have the power to subpoena witnesses and order the production of books and papers. This Committee shall be formed to consider all such measures to improve the lives of young men and women of the City of St. Louis.

Introduced on the 12th day of December, 2014 by:

Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman 25th Ward

Adopted this the 12th day of December, 2014 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen