

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

January 30, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. HEVESI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Children and Families

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to clarifying when and how a child protective services report is determined

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 7 of section 424 of the social services law, as
2 amended by chapter 164 of the laws of 1991, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 7. determine, within sixty days or as soon as it deems appropriate,
5 whether the report is "indicated" or "unfounded", if, after conducting
6 its initial investigation of the current report and thoroughly reviewing
7 the family's history with the local child protective agency, (a) it
8 determines that there is a history of prior unfounded reports or that
9 the report appears to have been made for the purpose of harassment, and
10 (b) it has not uncovered any new concerns about the safety of the chil-
11 dren during its initial investigation and determined that the new report
12 is likely unfounded;

13 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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