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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to establishing the chance to help notification act

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

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
2 the "chance to help notification act".

3 § 2. Subdivision 7 of section 120.90 of the criminal procedure law, as  
4 amended by section 16 of part WWW of chapter 59 of the laws of 2017, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 7. Upon arresting a juvenile offender or adolescent offender or youth  
7 as defined in subdivision one of section 720.10 of this chapter, the  
8 police officer shall immediately notify the parent or other person  
9 legally responsible for [~~his~~] such juvenile offender, adolescent offen-  
10 der or youth's care or the person with whom [~~he~~] such juvenile offender,  
11 adolescent offender or youth is domiciled, that the juvenile offender or  
12 adolescent offender or youth has been arrested, and the location of the  
13 facility where [~~he~~] such juvenile offender, adolescent offender or youth  
14 is being detained, provided that the police officer need not notify the  
15 parent or other person legally responsible for such youth's care or the  
16 person with whom such youth is domiciled when such youth is not also a  
17 juvenile offender and the notification of a parent or other person would  
18 endanger the health or safety of such youth.

19 § 3. Subdivision 6 of section 140.20 of the criminal procedure law, as  
20 amended by section 20 of part WWW of chapter 59 of the laws of 2017, is  
21 amended to read as follows:

22 6. Upon arresting a juvenile offender or youth as defined in subdivi-  
23 sion one of section 720.10 of this chapter or a person sixteen or  
24 commencing October first, two thousand nineteen, seventeen years of age  
25 without a warrant, the police officer shall immediately notify the

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

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1 parent or other person legally responsible for [~~his or her~~] such juvenile  
2 offender or youth's care or the person with whom [~~he or she~~] such  
3 juvenile offender or youth is domiciled, that such offender or person  
4 has been arrested, and the location of the facility where [~~he or she~~]  
5 such juvenile offender or youth is being detained, provided that the  
6 police officer need not notify the parent or other person legally  
7 responsible for such youth's care or the person with whom such youth is  
8 domiciled when such youth is not also a juvenile offender and the  
9 notification of a parent or other person would endanger the health or  
10 safety of such youth. If the officer determines that it is necessary to  
11 question a juvenile offender or such person, the officer must take [~~him~~  
12 ~~or her~~] such juvenile offender or such person to a facility designated  
13 by the chief administrator of the courts as a suitable place for the  
14 questioning of children or, upon the consent of a parent or other person  
15 legally responsible for the care of the juvenile or such person, to [~~his~~  
16 ~~or her~~] such juvenile or person's residence and there question [~~him or~~  
17 ~~her~~] such juvenile or person for a reasonable period of time. A juvenile  
18 or such person shall not be questioned pursuant to this section unless  
19 [~~he or she~~] such juvenile or such person and a person required to be  
20 notified pursuant to this subdivision, if present, have been advised:

21 (a) of the juvenile offender's, youth's or such person's right to  
22 remain silent;

23 (b) that the statements made by [~~him or her~~] such juvenile offender,  
24 youth or such person may be used in a court of law;

25 (c) of [~~his or her~~] such juvenile offender, youth or such person's  
26 right to have an attorney present at such questioning; and

27 (d) of [~~his or her~~] such juvenile offender, youth or such person's  
28 right to have an attorney provided for [~~him or her~~] such juvenile offen-  
29 der, youth or such person without charge if [~~he or she~~] such juvenile  
30 offender, youth or such person is unable to afford counsel.

31 In determining the suitability of questioning and determining the  
32 reasonable period of time for questioning such a juvenile offender or  
33 person, [~~his or her~~] such juvenile offender or person's age, the pres-  
34 ence or absence of [~~his or her~~] such juvenile offender or person's  
35 parents or other persons legally responsible for [~~his or her~~] such juve-  
36 nile offender or person's care and notification pursuant to this subdi-  
37 vision shall be included among relevant considerations.

38 § 4. Section 150.20 of the criminal procedure law is amended by adding  
39 a new subdivision 4 to read as follows:

40 4. Upon issuing to and serving an appearance ticket as defined in  
41 subdivision one of section 150.10 of this article upon a youth as  
42 defined in subdivision one of section 720.10 of this chapter, the police  
43 officer shall notify the parent or other person legally responsible for  
44 such youth's care or the person with whom such youth is domiciled, that  
45 such youth has been served with an appearance ticket, the time set forth  
46 in such appearance ticket for the youth's appearance before a criminal  
47 court and the offense of which such youth is charged, provided that the  
48 police officer need not notify the parent or other person legally  
49 responsible for such youth's care or the person with whom such youth is  
50 domiciled when such youth is not also a juvenile offender and the  
51 notification of a parent or other person would endanger the health or  
52 safety of such youth.

53 § 5. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-  
54 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.