

2009-2010 Regular Sessions

I N S E N A T E

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Introduced by Sen. KRUGER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Children and Families

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to requiring that medical records of children who have been reported as abused or maltreated be released to the child protective services

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section  
2 425-a to read as follows:  
3 S 425-A. RELEASE OF MEDICAL RECORDS. UPON THE SWORN WRITTEN REQUEST OF  
4 THE HEAD OF A LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT OR DISTRICT, WHICH  
5 REQUEST SHALL INDICATE THAT A CERTAIN CHILD HAS BEEN REPORTED AS AN  
6 ABUSED OR MALTREATED CHILD AND WHICH SHALL ALSO INDICATE THE DATES OF  
7 SUCH ALLEGED ABUSE OR MALTREATMENT, A PHYSICIAN, HOSPITAL, OTHER MEDICAL  
8 FACILITY OR OTHER PERSON MAKING SUCH REPORT WHO HAS EXAMINED SUCH CHILD,  
9 SHALL RELEASE ALL MEDICAL RECORDS, OR COPIES THEREOF, OF THE EXAMINATION  
10 OR TREATMENT OF SUCH CHILD, SPECIFICALLY RELATING TO THE ALLEGED ABUSE  
11 OR MALTREATMENT, TO THE CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE OF SUCH LOCAL SOCIAL  
12 SERVICES DEPARTMENT OR DISTRICT. SUCH RECORDS SHALL HAVE THE NAMES OF  
13 THE ALLEGED ABUSERS DELETED AND SHALL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL SUCH  
14 TIME AS DETERMINED BY THE APPROPRIATE COURT. THE LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES  
15 DEPARTMENT OR DISTRICT SHALL PAY SUCH ADMINISTRATIVE OR HANDLING FEES TO  
16 SUCH PHYSICIAN, HOSPITAL OR MEDICAL FACILITY OR PERSON AS THEY SHALL  
17 REASONABLY CHARGE.  
18 S 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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