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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 child abuse or maltreatment investigations and reports

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

Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section 427-b to read to follows:

S 427-B. LIMITATIONS ON QUESTIONING ALLEGED CHILD ABUSE OR MISTREATMENT VICTIMS. ANY PERSON INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATION OF A CASE OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR MALTREATMENT, OR ANY PERSON REQUIRED TO REPORT SUCH A CASE PURSUANT TO SECTION FOUR HUNDRED THIRTEEN OF THIS TITLE, SHALL NOT SPEAK WITH THE ALLEGED VICTIM OF SUCH ABUSE OR MALTREATMENT WHILE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PERSON OR PERSONS ACCUSED OF SUCH ABUSE OR MALTREATMENT UNLESS IN THE CASE OF AN ONGOING EMERGENCY.

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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