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

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to requiring the office of children and family services and authorized agencies of the office of children and family services to provide surveillance cameras

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 380-a to read as follows:

§ 380-a. Surveillance cameras. 1. (a) Surveillance cameras with sound capability shall be installed in all public common areas including, but not limited to, all common living areas, dining areas, hallways, classrooms and time-out rooms in all group homes, residential and day schools and programs licensed, certified, funded or operated by the office of children and family services and any authorized agency of the office of children and family services.

(b) All public common areas including, but not limited to, all common living areas, dining areas, hallways, classrooms and time-out rooms of a facility providing residential care to youth or children shall be equipped with surveillance cameras with sound capability.

2. In all residential facilities statewide, for children certified, licensed, funded or operated by the office of children and family services, surveillance cameras may be placed in a child's, age thirteen or younger, room at the request of and with the consent of the child's parent or guardian and only if the child is in a single occupancy bedroom.

3. Any provider that fails to implement the provisions of this section shall be subjected to a fine of one thousand dollars per day of noncompliances.

§ 2. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a law.

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

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