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Introduced by Sens. SERRANO, AVELLA, DILAN, KENNEDY, MONTGOMERY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Children and Families -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Rules -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- recommitted to the Committee on Children and Families in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to requiring the anchoring of furniture and electronics in child day care centers, public institutions for children and certain other facilities

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 390-1 to read as follows:

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- § 390-1. Securing of furniture. 1. This section shall apply to any 4 agency boarding home, group home, child day care center, public institu-5 tion for children, or any authorized agency not including a foster home, 6 family day care center or group family day care center.
- 2. Any facility to which this section applies shall take measures to securely anchor to the floors or walls of such facility all items of large furniture and all electronic appliances capable of being tipped 10 over due to design, height, weight, stability or other features, using 11 angle-braces, anchors or other anchoring devices. Any item of furniture 12 or electronic device which cannot be so anchored shall be removed from 13 the facility.
- 3. If a violation of the provisions of this section is discovered by 14 15 the office of children and family services or any local social services 16 district authorized to inspect the facility at which the violation

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

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1 occurs, the agency discovering the violation shall provide written notice of the violation to the operator of the facility and to the 3 office of children and family services if such office is not the 4 inspecting agency within ten calendar days of the discovery of the violation. The operator of the facility shall correct the violation immediately, upon notice. If the violation is not corrected, the office of children and family services may take enforcement action in accord-7 ance with the applicable sections of state law.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after 10 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-11 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-12 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to 13 be made and completed on or before such effective date.