STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

March 20, 2019

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

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to the interviewing of children in the presence of other persons

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 6 of section 424 of the social services law, as amended by chapter 281 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

(a) upon receipt of such report, commence or cause the appropriate society for the prevention of cruelty to children to commence, within twenty-four hours, an appropriate investigation which shall include an evaluation of the environment of the child named in the report and any other children in the same home and a determination of the risk to such children if they continue to remain in the existing home environment, as well as a determination of the nature, extent and cause of any condition enumerated in such report and the name, age and condition of other children in the home, and, after seeing to the safety of the child or children, forthwith notify the subjects of the report and other persons named in the report in writing of the existence of the report and their respective rights pursuant to this title in regard to amendment**. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the subject child of such a report shall not be interviewed in the presence of the subject of the report**;

§ 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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