STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

June 11, 2019

Introduced by M. of A. JONES, B. MILLER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Correction

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to custody and visitation rights of certain sex offenders

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

Section 1. Section 168-w of the correction law, as relettered by chapter 604 of the laws of 2005, is relettered section 168-x and a new section 168-w is added to read as follows:

§ 168-w. Custody and visitation rights. 1. Any sex offender designated as a sexual predator, or a sexually violent offender, or classified as a level two or three risk, for a crime involving a child shall be, except in extraordinary circumstances, prohibited from being granted by a court physical or legal custody of, or unsupervised visitation with, a child.
2. Any sex offender classified as a level two or three risk shall be

9 2. Any sex offender classified as a level two or three risk shall be 10 presumed to be ineligible to be granted physical or legal custody of, or 11 unsupervised visitation with, a child, and a court shall grant physical 12 or legal custody of, or unsupervised visitation with, a child only if 13 the sex offender has provided clear and convincing evidence that grant-14 ing such custody or visitation will be in the best interest of the 15 child.

16 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-17 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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