

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 8, 2019

Introduced by Sens. SERRANO, KENNEDY, MONTGOMERY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Children and Families

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:

1 Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section
2 390-1 to read as follows:

3 § 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.

7 2. Any facility to which this section applies shall take measures to
8 securely anchor to the floors or walls of such facility all items of
9 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.

14 3. If a violation of the provisions of this section is discovered by
15 the office of children and family services or any local social services
16 district authorized to inspect the facility at which the violation
17 occurs, the agency discovering the violation shall provide written
18 notice of the violation to the operator of the facility and to the
19 office of children and family services if such office is not the
20 inspecting agency within ten calendar days of the discovery of the
21 violation. The operator of the facility shall correct the violation
22 immediately, upon notice. If the violation is not corrected, the office

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

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1 of children and family services may take enforcement action in accord-
2 ance with the applicable sections of state law.

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