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Introduced by Sen. BRISPORT -- (at request of the Office of Court Administration) -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the family court act and the criminal procedure law, in relation to juvenile delinquency charges of violations in the family court

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 301.2 of the family court act, as amended by section 56 of part WWW of chapter 59 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

1. "Juvenile delinquent" means a person over seven and less than ~~[sixteen years of age, or commencing on October first, two thousand eighteen a person over seven and less than]~~ seventeen years of age, and commencing October first, two thousand nineteen, a person over seven and less than eighteen years of age, who, having committed an act that would constitute a crime if committed by an adult, or (with respect to a person over sixteen and less than seventeen years of age or, a person over sixteen and less than eighteen years of age commencing October first, two thousand nineteen) a violation as defined by subdivision three of section 10.00 of the penal law if committed by an adult, where such violation is alleged to have occurred in the same transaction or occurrence of the alleged criminal act~~[, if committed by an adult]~~, and where such person: (a) is not criminally responsible for such conduct by reason of infancy, or (b) is the defendant in an action ordered removed from a criminal court to the family court pursuant to article seven hundred twenty-five of the criminal procedure law.

§ 2. Subdivision 3 of section 302.1 of the family court act, as added by section 56-a of part WWW of chapter 59 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

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

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3. ~~[Whenever]~~ With respect to a youth over sixteen and less than seventeen years of age or, a person over sixteen and less than eighteen years of age commencing October first, two thousand nineteen, whenever a crime and a violation arise out of the same transaction or occurrence, a charge alleging both offenses shall be made returnable before the court having jurisdiction over the crime. Nothing herein provided shall be construed to prevent a court, having jurisdiction over a violation relating to a criminal act from lawfully entering an order in accordance with section 345.1 of this article where such order is not based upon the count or counts of the petition alleging such criminal act.

§ 3. Subdivision 3 of section 304.1 of the family court act, as amended by section 59 of part WWW of chapter 59 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

3. The detention of a child under ten years of age in a secure detention facility shall not be directed, nor shall the detention of a child adjudicated solely for an act that would constitute a violation as defined in subdivision three of section 10.00 of the penal law, be directed under any of the provisions of this article.

§ 4. Subdivision 13 of section 308.1 of the family court act, as added by chapter 920 of the laws of 1982, is amended and a new subdivision 14 is added to read as follows:

13. The provisions of this section shall not apply where the petition is an order of removal to the family court pursuant to article seven hundred twenty-five of the criminal procedure law against a juvenile offender as defined in subdivision eighteen of section 10.00 of the penal law.

14. Notwithstanding subdivisions three, four and thirteen of this section, the probation service may adjust a proceeding where the court has referred a case to the probation service in accordance with section 320.6 of this article in conjunction with or subsequent to the issuance of an order pursuant to subdivision one of section 345.1 of this article where such order does not include a fact-finding for an act which would constitute a juvenile offense, designated felony or offense listed in subdivision four of this section. Where a proceeding has been referred to the probation service in which an order issued pursuant to section 345.1 of this article consists solely of a violation as defined in subdivision three of section 10.00 of the penal law committed by a juvenile sixteen years of age or, commencing on October first, two thousand nineteen, seventeen years of age, the probation service shall adjust the matter unless good cause is shown and is documented in its records.

§ 5. Section 315.3 of the family court act is amended by adding a new subdivision 4 to read as follows:

4. Where an order of fact-finding that includes solely a violation as defined in subdivision three of section 10.00 of the penal law committed by a juvenile sixteen years of age or, commencing on October first, two thousand nineteen, seventeen years of age, has been entered pursuant to section 345.1 of this article, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the court shall adjourn the case in contemplation of dismissal pursuant to this section, refer the case to the probation service for adjustment services pursuant to section 320.6 of this article or dismiss the case pursuant to subdivision two of section 352.1 of this article.

§ 6. Subdivision 2 of section 320.6 of the family court act, as amended by chapter 310 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

2. At the initial appearance or at any subsequent appearance, the court may refer a case to the probation service for adjustment services.

1 The probation service shall consider the views of the complainant and
2 the impact of the alleged act or acts of juvenile delinquency upon the
3 complainant and upon the community in determining whether adjustment
4 under this section would be suitable. In the case of a designated felony
5 petition, the consent of the presentment agency shall be required to
6 refer a case to the probation service for adjustment services. Where an
7 order of fact-finding that includes solely a violation as defined in
8 subdivision three of section 10.00 of the penal law committed by a juve-
9 nile sixteen years of age or, commencing on October first, two thousand
10 nineteen, seventeen years of age, has been entered pursuant to section
11 345.1 of this article, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the
12 court shall refer the case to the probation service for adjustment
13 services in accordance with this subdivision, dismiss the case pursuant
14 to subdivision two of section 352.1 of this article or adjourn the case
15 in contemplation of dismissal pursuant to section 315.3 of this article.

16 § 7. Section 345.1 of the family court act is amended by adding a new
17 subdivision 3 to read as follows:

18 3. Where an order of fact-finding that includes solely a violation as
19 defined in subdivision three of section 10.00 of the penal law committed
20 by a juvenile sixteen years of age or, commencing on October first, two
21 thousand nineteen, seventeen years of age, has been entered pursuant to
22 subdivision one of this section, there shall be a rebuttable presumption
23 that the court shall refer the case to the probation service for adjust-
24 ment services in accordance with section 320.6 of this article, dismiss
25 the case pursuant to subdivision two of section 352.1 of this article or
26 adjourn the case in contemplation of dismissal pursuant to section 315.3
27 of this article.

28 § 8. Subdivision 1 of section 350.1 of the family court act, as
29 amended by chapter 398 of the laws of 1983, is amended to read as
30 follows:

31 1. If the respondent is detained and has not been found to have
32 committed a designated felony act the dispositional hearing shall
33 commence not more than ten days after the entry of an order pursuant to
34 subdivision one of section 345.1 of this article, except as provided in
35 subdivision three of this section; provided, however, that if the
36 respondent has been found to have committed solely a violation as
37 defined in subdivision three of section 10.00 of the penal law, the
38 respondent shall not be detained pending disposition.

39 § 9. Subdivision 4 of section 352.2 of the family court act, as added
40 by section 56-b of part WWW of chapter 59 of the laws of 2017, is
41 amended to read as follows:

42 4. Where a youth receives a juvenile delinquency adjudication for
43 conduct committed when the youth was [~~age~~] sixteen years of age or
44 [~~older~~], commencing on October first, two thousand nineteen, seventeen
45 years of age, that would solely constitute a violation as defined in
46 subdivision three of section 10.00 of the penal law and if the presump-
47 tion pursuant to subdivision three of section 345.1 of this article has
48 been rebutted, the court shall have the power to enter an order of
49 disposition in accordance with [~~paragraphs~~] paragraph (a) [~~and—(b)~~] of
50 subdivision one of this section. The court shall not order detention,
51 probation or placement of a youth solely adjudicated under this subdivi-
52 sion.

53 § 10. Subdivision 6 of section 360.3 of the family court act, as added
54 by chapter 920 of the laws of 1982, is amended to read as follows:

55 6. At the conclusion of the hearing the court may revoke, continue or
56 modify the order of probation or conditional discharge. If the court

1 revokes the order, it shall order a different disposition pursuant to
2 section 352.2 of this article provided, however, that if the court finds
3 a violation of an order of conditional discharge where the underlying
4 finding had been for an act solely constituting a violation as defined
5 in subdivision three of section 10.00 of the penal law, the court may
6 modify the conditions of the conditional discharge but may not order any
7 other disposition under section 352.2 of this article. If the court
8 continues the order of probation or conditional discharge, it shall
9 dismiss the petition of violation.

10 § 11. Section 375.2 of the family court act is amended by adding a new
11 subdivision 7 to read as follows:

12 7. Where an order of fact-finding has been issued pursuant to subdivi-
13 sion one of section 345.1 of this article that includes solely a
14 violation as defined in subdivision three of section 10.00 of the penal
15 law committed by a juvenile sixteen years of age or, commencing on Octo-
16 ber first, two thousand nineteen, seventeen years of age, the records
17 shall be sealed automatically at the expiration, as applicable, of a
18 successful period of an adjustment, adjournment in contemplation of
19 dismissal or conditional discharge.

20 § 12. Subdivision 1 of section 510.15 of the criminal procedure law,
21 as amended by section 36 of part WWW of chapter 59 of the laws of 2017,
22 is amended to read as follows:

23 1. When a principal who is under the age of sixteen is committed to
24 the custody of the sheriff the court must direct that the principal be
25 taken to and lodged in a place certified by the office of children and
26 family services as a juvenile detention facility for the reception of
27 children. When a principal who (a) commencing October first, two thou-
28 sand eighteen, is sixteen years of age; or (b) commencing October first,
29 two thousand nineteen, is sixteen or seventeen years of age, is commit-
30 ted to the custody of the sheriff, the court must direct that the prin-
31 cipal be taken to and lodged in a place certified by the office of chil-
32 dren and family services in conjunction with the state commission of
33 correction as a specialized secure juvenile detention facility for older
34 youth. Where such a direction is made the sheriff shall deliver the
35 principal in accordance therewith and such person shall although lodged
36 and cared for in a juvenile detention facility continue to be deemed to
37 be in the custody of the sheriff. No principal under the age specified
38 to whom the provisions of this section may apply shall be detained in
39 any prison, jail, lockup, or other place used for adults convicted of a
40 crime or under arrest and charged with the commission of a crime without
41 the approval of the office of children and family services which shall
42 consult with the commission of correction if the principal is sixteen
43 years of age or older in the case of each principal and the statement of
44 its reasons therefor; nor shall a principal under the age specified who
45 is charged solely with a violation as defined in subdivision three of
46 section 10.00 of the penal law be subject to detention. The sheriff
47 shall not be liable for any acts done to or by such principal resulting
48 from negligence in the detention of and care for such principal, when
49 the principal is not in the actual custody of the sheriff.

50 § 13. This act shall take effect immediately.