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IN SENATE

March 7, 2024

Introduced by Sen. PALUMBO -- 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 authorizing school officials to temporarily retain custody of a suspected abused or maltreated child

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

Section 1. Section 417 of the social services law is amended by adding a new subdivision 2-a to read as follows:

2-a. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a school administrator may, where such person has reasonable cause to believe that the circumstances or conditions of the child are such that continuing in the child's place of residence or in the care and custody of the parent, guardian, custodian or other person responsible for the child's care presents an imminent danger to the child's life or health, take all necessary measures to protect the child including, where appropriate, retaining custody of a suspected abused or maltreated child at the school or an appropriate educational facility, until a law enforcement officer or a child protection service official takes custody of the child or makes an initial determination that the child may safely be returned to the custody of the parent, guardian, custodian or other person responsible for the child's care.

§ 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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