STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 4, 2024

Introduced by Sen. SCARCELLA-SPANTON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to the court's consideration of the existence of extraordinary circumstances and significant physical injury in determining whether to remove adolescent offenders to family court

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

Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 1 of section 722.23 of the criminal procedure law, as added by section 1-a of part WWW of chapter 59 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

(d) The court shall deny the motion to prevent removal of the action in youth part unless the court makes a determination upon such motion by the district attorney that extraordinary circumstances exist that should prevent the transfer of the action to family court. **For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "extraordinary circumstances" shall mean the existence of highly unusual and heinous facts or multiple events of criminality, in addition to strong proof that the defendant is not amenable or would not benefit in any way from transfer of the action to family court. Factors that shall be considered by the court in determining whether extraordinary circumstances exist shall include, but shall not be limited to, whether the defendant:**

(i) committed a series of crimes over multiple days in close proximity;

(ii) acted in an especially cruel and heinous manner; or

(iii) led, threatened, or coerced other reluctant adolescents into participating in the crime or crimes which are the basis of the action.

§ 2. Subdivision 2 of section 722.23 of the criminal procedure law is amended by adding a new paragraph (c-1) to read as follows:

(c-1) For the purposes of paragraph (c) of this subdivision, the term "significant physical injury" shall mean physical injury that involves a risk of death, protracted substantial pain or impairment of a physical

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

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condition, protracted and obvious disfigurement, or a protracted loss or impairment of the function of a bodily member, organ, or mental or sensory faculty.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeeding the date upon which it shall have become a law.