

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 6, 2024

Introduced by Sens. HOYLMAN-SIGAL, COONEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Children and Families -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Judiciary -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to liability of certain agencies for negligence in the placement of a child or supervision of a child in foster care; and to amend the court of claims act, in relation to extending jurisdiction to certain claims for injuries to a child and exempting such claims for certain filing, service and contents of claim or notice requirements

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
2 419-a to read as follows:

3 § 419-a. Liability. 1. Notwithstanding their performance of govern-
4 mental functions, public agencies that are authorized agencies under
5 this chapter, including without limitation, cities, counties, towns,
6 villages and other municipalities, shall be liable for negligence by any
7 person in the placement of a child in the authorized agency's legal
8 custody, or in the supervision of a child in foster care, a foster home
9 or foster parents, in the same manner and to the same extent as private
10 entities.

11 2. This section shall apply to civil claims brought pursuant to
12 section two hundred fourteen-g of the civil practice law and rules that
13 were revived pursuant to the terms of such section.

14 § 2. Section 9 of the court of claims act is amended by adding a new
15 subdivision 14 to read as follows:

16 14. To hear and determine a claim for injuries to a child caused by
17 any person due to negligence in the placement or supervision of the
18 child in juvenile detention or other manner of custody by the state.

19 § 3. Section 11 of the court of claims act is amended by adding a new
20 subdivision d to read as follows:

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

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1 d. The requirements of subdivision b of this section shall not apply
2 to a claim alleging negligent acts or omissions by a person for phys-
3 ical, psychological, or other injury or condition suffered as a result
4 of conduct which would constitute a sexual offense as defined in article
5 one hundred thirty of the penal law committed against a child less than
6 eighteen years of age, incest as defined in section 255.27, 255.26 or
7 255.25 of the penal law committed against a child less than eighteen
8 years of age, or sex trafficking as defined in section 230.34 of the
9 penal law, or sex trafficking of a child as defined in section 230.34-a
10 of the penal law, or the use of a child in a sexual performance as
11 defined in section 263.05 of the penal law or a predecessor statute that
12 prohibited such conduct at the time of the act, which conduct was
13 committed against a child less than eighteen years of age.

14 § 4. Severability. The provisions of this act shall be severable, and
15 if any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision or part of this act
16 shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid,
17 such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder
18 thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence,
19 paragraph, subdivision or part thereof directly involved in the contro-
20 versy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

21 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately and its provisions shall
22 be applicable to civil claims or causes of action filed before, on, or
23 after, the effective date of this act.