STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

September 2, 2026

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Hevesi) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Children and Families

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to excluding certain social workers employed or supervised by lawyers from reporting cases of suspected child abuse or maltreatment

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 413 of the social services law is amended by adding a new paragraph (e) to read as follows:

(e) A social worker shall not be required to report cases of suspected child abuse or maltreatment when such social worker is:

(i) employed or supervised by a lawyer who is providing representation in a criminal or civil matter, including but not limited to a family law or delinquency matter, and the basis for the belief of suspected child abuse or maltreatment arises solely in the course of such representation; or

(ii) employed or supervised by a lawyer with whom a prospective client is seeking representation in a criminal or civil matter, including but not limited to a family law or delinquency matter, and the basis for the belief of suspected child abuse or maltreatment arises solely in the course of seeking such representation.

§ 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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