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AN ACT to amend the family court act and the criminal procedure law, in relation to the custodial interrogation of juveniles by law enforcement

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 305.2 of the family court act, as  
2 added by chapter 920 of the laws of 1982, is amended to read as follows:  
3 3. If an officer takes such child into custody or if a child is deliv-  
4 ered to [~~him~~] an officer under section 305.1, [~~he~~] the officer shall  
5 immediately, before transporting the child to the police station house,  
6 notify the parent or other person legally responsible for the child's  
7 care, or if such legally responsible person is unavailable the person  
8 with whom the child resides, that the child has been taken into custody.  
9 § 2. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 4 of section 305.2 of the family  
10 court act, as added by chapter 920 of the laws of 1982, is amended to  
11 read as follows:  
12 (a) when the officer reasonably believes such parent or other person  
13 legally responsible for the child's care will appear, take the child to  
14 the child's home, the station house, or another location agreed upon  
15 with the parent or person legally responsible, and release the child to  
16 the custody of [~~his parents or other person legally responsible for his~~  
17 ~~care~~] such person upon the issuance in accordance with section 307.1 of  
18 a family court appearance ticket to the child and the person to whose  
19 custody the child is released; or

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

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1 § 3. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 4 of section 305.2 of the family  
2 court act, as amended by section 63 of part WWW of chapter 59 of the  
3 laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

4 (b) when the officer does not reasonably believe the parent or other  
5 person legally responsible for the child's care will appear for the  
6 child, forthwith and with all reasonable speed take the child directly,  
7 and without [~~his~~] the child first being taken to the police station  
8 house, to the family court located in the county in which the act occa-  
9 sioning the taking into custody allegedly was committed, or, when the  
10 family court is not in session, to the most accessible magistrate, if  
11 any, designated by the appellate division of the supreme court in the  
12 applicable department to conduct a hearing under section 307.4 [~~of this~~  
13 ~~part, unless the officer determines that it is necessary to question the~~  
14 ~~child, in which case he or she may take the child to a facility desig-~~  
15 ~~nated by the chief administrator of the courts as a suitable place for~~  
16 ~~the questioning of children or, upon the consent of a parent or other~~  
17 ~~person legally responsible for the care of the child, to the child's~~  
18 ~~residence and there question him or her for a reasonable period of~~  
19 ~~time~~]; or

20 § 4. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 4 of section 305.2 of the family  
21 court act, as amended by section 3 of part G of chapter 58 of the laws  
22 of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

23 (c) when the officer does not release the child pursuant to paragraph  
24 (a) of this subdivision, or take the child to family court or to a  
25 magistrate pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subdivision, take the child  
26 to a place certified by the office of children and family services as a  
27 juvenile detention facility for the reception of children; or

28 § 5. Subdivision 5 of section 305.2 of the family court act, as  
29 amended by chapter 398 of the laws of 1983, is amended to read as  
30 follows:

31 5. If such child has allegedly committed a designated felony act as  
32 defined in subdivision eight of section 301.2, and the family court in  
33 the county is in session, the officer shall forthwith take the child  
34 directly to such family court[, ~~unless the officer takes the child to a~~  
35 ~~facility for questioning in accordance with paragraph (b) of subdivision~~  
36 ~~four. If such child has not allegedly committed a designated felony act~~  
37 ~~and such family court is in session, the officer shall either forthwith~~  
38 ~~take the child directly to such family court, unless the officer takes~~  
39 ~~the child to a facility for questioning in accordance with paragraph (b)~~  
40 ~~of subdivision four or release the child in accordance with paragraph~~  
41 ~~(a) of subdivision four] or, when the family court is not in session, to  
42 the most accessible magistrate, if any, designated by the appellate  
43 division of the supreme court in the applicable department to conduct a  
44 hearing under section 307.4.~~

45 § 6. Subdivision 5-a of section 305.2 of the family court act, as  
46 added by chapter 299 of the laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

47 5-a. Where a child is subject to interrogation at a facility desig-  
48 nated by the chief administrator of the courts as a suitable place for  
49 the questioning of juveniles pursuant to subdivision [~~four~~] seven  
50 of this section, the entire interrogation, including the giving of any  
51 required notice to the child as to [~~his or her~~] their rights and the  
52 child's waiver of any rights, shall be video recorded in a manner  
53 consistent with standards established by rule of the division of crimi-  
54 nal justice services pursuant to paragraph (e) of subdivision three of  
55 section 60.45 of the criminal procedure law. The interrogation shall be  
56 recorded in a manner such that the persons in the recording are iden-

1 tifiable and the speech is intelligible. A copy of the recording shall  
2 be subject to discovery pursuant to section 331.2 of this article.

3 § 7. Subdivision 6 of section 305.2 of the family court act, as added  
4 by chapter 920 of the laws of 1982, is amended to read as follows:

5 6. ~~[In all other cases]~~ If such child has not allegedly committed a  
6 designated felony act, and in the absence of special circumstances, the  
7 officer shall release the child in accordance with paragraph (a) of  
8 subdivision four.

9 § 8. Subdivisions 7 and 8 of section 305.2 of the family court act,  
10 subdivision 7 as amended by chapter 398 of the laws of 1983 and subdivi-  
11 sion 8 as amended by chapter 299 of the laws of 2020, are amended and a  
12 new subdivision 10 is added to read as follows:

13 7. If the officer determines that questioning of the child is neces-  
14 sary prior to taking action authorized by subdivision four or five, the  
15 officer may take the child to a facility designated by the chief admin-  
16 istrator of the courts as a suitable place for the questioning of chil-  
17 dren or, upon the consent of a parent or other person legally responsi-  
18 ble for the care of the child, to the child's residence and there,  
19 subject to the requirements of subdivision eight, question the child for  
20 a reasonable period of time.

21 8. A child shall not be questioned pursuant to this section unless  
22 ~~[he]~~ or until:

23 (a) the child and a person required to be notified pursuant to subdivi-  
24 sion three if present, have been advised:

25 ~~[(a)]~~ (i) of the child's right to remain silent;

26 ~~[(b)]~~ (ii) that the statements made by the child may be used in a  
27 court of law;

28 ~~[(c)]~~ (iii) of the child's right to have an attorney present at such  
29 questioning; and

30 ~~[(d)]~~ (iv) of the child's right to have an attorney provided for ~~[him]~~  
31 them without charge if ~~[he is]~~ they are indigent; and

32 (b) the child has consulted with legal counsel in person, by tele-  
33 phone, or by video conference. This consultation may not be waived.

34 ~~[8-]~~ 9. In determining the suitability of questioning and determining  
35 the reasonable period of time for questioning such a child, the child's  
36 age, the presence or absence of ~~[his or her]~~ the child's parents or  
37 other persons legally responsible for ~~[his or her]~~ the child's care,  
38 notification pursuant to subdivision three and, where the child has been  
39 interrogated at a facility designated by the chief administrator of the  
40 courts as a suitable place for the questioning of juveniles, whether the  
41 interrogation was in compliance with the video-recording and disclosure  
42 requirements of subdivision five-a of this section shall be included  
43 among relevant considerations.

44 10. In addition to statements that must be suppressed as involuntarily  
45 made within the definition in subdivision two of section 344.2, a state-  
46 ment shall be suppressed: when the child has not consulted with legal  
47 counsel as required by paragraph (b) of subdivision eight; or when a  
48 person notified pursuant to subdivision three, if present, has not been  
49 advised of and voluntarily waived the rights delineated in paragraph (a)  
50 of subdivision eight.

51 § 9. Section 724 of the family court act, the section heading and  
52 subdivisions (b) and (c) as amended by chapter 843 of the laws of 1980,  
53 subdivision (a) as amended by chapter 920 of the laws of 1982, para-  
54 graphs (i) and (ii) as amended and paragraph (iv) of subdivision (b) as  
55 added by section 4 of part E of chapter 57 of the laws of 2005, para-  
56 graph (iii) of subdivision (b) as amended by section 7 of part M of

1 chapter 56 of the laws of 2017, and subdivision (d) as added by chapter  
2 809 of the laws of 1963, is amended to read as follows:

3 § 724. Duties of police officer or peace officer after taking into  
4 custody or on delivery by private person. (a) If a peace officer or a  
5 police officer takes into custody or if a person is delivered to [~~him~~]  
6 the officer under section seven hundred twenty-three, the officer shall  
7 immediately, before transporting the child to any other location, notify  
8 the parent or other person legally responsible for [~~his~~] the person's  
9 care, or the person with whom [~~he~~] the person is domiciled, that [~~he~~]  
10 the person has been taken into custody.

11 (b) After making every reasonable effort to give notice under [~~para-~~  
12 ~~graph~~] subdivision (a) of this section, the officer shall

13 (i) when the officer reasonably believes such parent or other person  
14 legally responsible for the child's care will appear, take the child to  
15 the child's home, the police station house, or another location agreed  
16 upon with the parent or person legally responsible, and release the  
17 youth to the custody of [~~his or her parent or other~~] such person [~~legal-~~  
18 ~~ly responsible for his or her care~~] upon the written promise, without  
19 security, of the person to whose custody the youth is released that [~~he~~  
20 ~~or she~~] such person will produce the youth before the lead agency desig-  
21 nated pursuant to section seven hundred thirty-five of this article in  
22 that county at a time and place specified in writing; or

23 (ii) when the officer does not reasonably believe such parent or other  
24 person legally responsible for the child's care will appear for the  
25 child, forthwith and with all reasonable speed take the youth directly,  
26 and without first being taken to the police station house, to the desig-  
27 nated lead agency located in the county in which the act occasioning the  
28 taking into custody allegedly was done[~~, unless the officer determines~~  
29 ~~that it is necessary to question the youth, in which case he or she may~~  
30 ~~take the youth to a facility designated by the chief administrator of~~  
31 ~~the courts as a suitable place for the questioning of youth or, upon the~~  
32 ~~consent of a parent or other person legally responsible for the care of~~  
33 ~~the youth, to the youth's residence and there question him or her for a~~  
34 ~~reasonable period of time~~]; or

35 (iii) take a youth in need of crisis intervention or respite services  
36 to a runaway and homeless youth crisis services program or other  
37 approved respite or crisis program; or

38 (iv) take the youth directly to the family court located in the county  
39 in which the act occasioning the taking into custody was allegedly done,  
40 provided that the officer affirms on the record that [~~he or she~~] the  
41 officer attempted to exercise the options identified in paragraphs (i),  
42 (ii) and (iii) of this subdivision, was unable to exercise these  
43 options, and the reasons therefor.

44 (c) In the absence of special circumstances, the officer shall release  
45 the child in accord with paragraph [~~(b)~~] (i) of subdivision (b) of this  
46 section.

47 (d) If the officer determines that questioning of the child is neces-  
48 sary prior to taking action authorized by subdivision (b) of this  
49 section, the officer may take the child to a facility designated by the  
50 chief administrator of the courts as a suitable place for the question-  
51 ing of children or, upon the consent of a parent or other person legally  
52 responsible for the care of the child, to the child's residence and  
53 there, subject to the requirements of subdivision (e) of this section,  
54 question the child for a reasonable period of time.

55 (e) In determining the suitability of questioning and determining what  
56 is a "reasonable period of time" for questioning a child, the child's

1 age ~~[and]~~, the presence or absence of ~~[his]~~ the child's parents or other  
 2 person legally responsible for ~~[his]~~ the child's care and notification  
 3 pursuant to subdivision (a) of this section shall be included among the  
 4 relevant considerations.

5 (f) No statement made to a peace officer or a police officer prior to  
 6 the commencement of a fact-finding hearing may be admitted into evidence  
 7 at a fact-finding hearing.

8 § 10. Subdivision 6 of section 140.20 of the criminal procedure law,  
 9 as amended by section 20 of part WWW of chapter 59 of the laws of 2017,  
 10 is amended to read as follows:

11 6. (a) Upon arresting a juvenile offender or a person sixteen or  
 12 ~~commencing October first, two thousand nineteen,~~ seventeen years of  
 13 age without a warrant, the police officer shall immediately, before  
 14 transporting the child to the police station house, notify the parent or  
 15 other person legally responsible for ~~[his or her]~~ the child's care or  
 16 the person with whom ~~[he or she]~~ the child is domiciled, that such juve-  
 17 nile offender or ~~[person]~~ sixteen or seventeen year old has been  
 18 arrested, and the location of the facility where ~~[he or she is being]~~  
 19 the child will be detained.

20 (b) If the officer determines that it is necessary to question a juve-  
 21 nile offender or ~~[such person]~~ sixteen or seventeen year old, the offi-  
 22 cer must take ~~[him or her]~~ the juvenile offender or sixteen or seventeen  
 23 year old to a facility designated by the chief administrator of the  
 24 courts as a suitable place for the questioning of children or, upon the  
 25 consent of a parent or other person legally responsible for the care of  
 26 the juvenile or ~~[such person]~~ sixteen or seventeen year old, to ~~[his or~~  
 27 ~~her]~~ the juvenile offender or sixteen or seventeen year old's residence  
 28 and there, subject to the requirements of paragraph (c) of this subdivi-  
 29 sion, question ~~[him or her]~~ the juvenile offender or sixteen or seven-  
 30 teen year old for a reasonable period of time.

31 (c) A juvenile offender or ~~[such person]~~ sixteen or seventeen year old  
 32 shall not be questioned pursuant to this section unless ~~[he or she] or~~  
 33 until:

34 (i) the juvenile offender or sixteen or seventeen year old and a  
 35 person required to be notified pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivi-  
 36 vision, if present, have been advised:

37 ~~[(a)]~~ (A) of the juvenile offender's or ~~[such person's]~~ sixteen or  
 38 seventeen year old's right to remain silent;

39 ~~[(b)]~~ (B) that the statements made by ~~[him or her]~~ the juvenile offen-  
 40 der or sixteen or seventeen year old may be used in a court of law;

41 ~~[(c)]~~ (C) of ~~[his or her]~~ the juvenile offender or sixteen or seven-  
 42 teen year old's right to have an attorney present at such questioning;  
 43 and

44 ~~[(d)]~~ (D) of ~~[his or her]~~ the juvenile offender or sixteen or seven-  
 45 teen year old's right to have an attorney provided for ~~[him or her]~~ them  
 46 without charge if ~~[he or she is]~~ they are unable to afford counsel[.];

47 (ii) the juvenile offender or sixteen or seventeen year old has  
 48 consulted with an attorney in person, by telephone, or by video confer-  
 49 ence. This consultation may not be waived.

50 (d) In determining the suitability of questioning and determining the  
 51 reasonable period of time for questioning such a juvenile offender or  
 52 ~~[person]~~ sixteen or seventeen year old, ~~[his or her]~~ the juvenile offen-  
 53 der or sixteen or seventeen year old's age, the presence or absence of  
 54 ~~[his or her]~~ the juvenile offender or sixteen or seventeen year old's  
 55 parents or other persons legally responsible for ~~[his or her]~~ the juve-  
 56 nile offender or sixteen or seventeen year old's care and notification

1 pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision shall be included among  
2 relevant considerations.

3 (e) In addition to statements that must be suppressed as involuntarily  
4 made within the definition in subdivision two of section 60.45 of this  
5 chapter, a statement shall be suppressed: when the child has not  
6 consulted with an attorney as required by paragraph (c) of this subdivi-  
7 sion; or when a person notified pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivi-  
8 vision, if present, has not been advised of and voluntarily waived the  
9 rights delineated in paragraph (c) of this subdivision.

10 § 11. Subdivision 5 of section 140.27 of the criminal procedure law,  
11 as amended by section 23 of part WWW of chapter 59 of the laws of 2017,  
12 is amended to read as follows:

13 5. (a) Upon arresting a juvenile offender or a person sixteen or  
14 [~~commencing October first, two thousand nineteen,~~ seventeen years of  
15 age without a warrant, the peace officer shall immediately, before  
16 transporting the child to the police station house, notify the parent or  
17 other person legally responsible for [his or her] the juvenile offender  
18 or sixteen or seventeen year old's care or the person with whom [he or  
19 she] the juvenile offender or sixteen or seventeen year old is domi-  
20 ciled, that such juvenile offender or [person] sixteen or seventeen year  
21 old has been arrested, and the location of the facility where [he or she  
22 is being] the juvenile offender or sixteen or seventeen year old will be  
23 detained.

24 (b) If the officer determines that it is necessary to question a juve-  
25 nile offender or [such person] sixteen or seventeen year old, the offi-  
26 cer must take [him or her] the juvenile offender or sixteen or seventeen  
27 year old to a facility designated by the chief administrator of the  
28 courts as a suitable place for the questioning of children or, upon the  
29 consent of a parent or other person legally responsible for the care of  
30 a juvenile offender or [such person] sixteen or seventeen year old, to  
31 [his or her] the juvenile offender or sixteen or seventeen year old's  
32 residence and there, subject to the requirements of paragraph (c) of  
33 this subdivision, question [him or her] the juvenile offender or sixteen  
34 or seventeen year old for a reasonable period of time.

35 (c) A juvenile offender or [such person] sixteen or seventeen year old  
36 shall not be questioned pursuant to this section unless or until:

37 (i) the juvenile offender or [such person] sixteen or seventeen year  
38 old and a person required to be notified pursuant to paragraph (a) of  
39 this subdivision, if present, have been advised:

40 [~~(a)~~] (A) of [his or her] the juvenile offender or sixteen or seven-  
41 teen year old's right to remain silent;

42 [~~(b)~~] (B) that the statements made by the juvenile offender or [such  
43 person] sixteen or seventeen year old may be used in a court of law;

44 [~~(c)~~] (C) of [his or her] the juvenile offender or sixteen or seven-  
45 teen year old's right to have an attorney present at such questioning;  
46 and

47 [~~(d)~~] (D) of [his or her] the juvenile offender or sixteen or seven-  
48 teen year old's right to have an attorney provided for [him or her] the  
49 juvenile offender or sixteen or seventeen year old without charge if [he  
50 or she] the juvenile offender or sixteen or seventeen year old is  
51 unable to afford counsel[+]; and

52 (ii) the juvenile offender or sixteen or seventeen year old has  
53 consulted with an attorney in person, by telephone or by video confer-  
54 ence. This consultation may not be waived.

55 (d) In determining the suitability of questioning and determining the  
56 reasonable period of time for questioning such a juvenile offender or

1 ~~[such person his or her]~~ sixteen or seventeen year old, the juvenile  
 2 offender or sixteen or seventeen year old's age, the presence or absence  
 3 of ~~[his or her]~~ the juvenile offender or sixteen or seventeen year old's  
 4 parents or other persons legally responsible for ~~[his or her]~~ the juve-  
 5 nile offender or sixteen or seventeen year old's care and notification  
 6 pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision shall be included among  
 7 relevant considerations.

8 (e) In addition to statements that must be suppressed as involuntarily  
 9 made within the definition in subdivision two of section 60.45 of this  
 10 chapter, a statement shall be suppressed: when the child has not  
 11 consulted with an attorney as required by paragraph (c) of this subdivi-  
 12 sion; or when a person notified pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivi-  
 13 vision, if present, has not been advised of and voluntarily waived the  
 14 rights delineated in paragraph (c) of this subdivision.

15 § 12. Subdivision 5 of section 140.40 of the criminal procedure law,  
 16 as amended by section 24 of part WWW of chapter 59 of the laws of 2017,  
 17 is amended to read as follows:

18 5. (a) If a police officer takes an arrested juvenile offender or a  
 19 person sixteen or ~~[commencing October first, two thousand nineteen,]~~  
 20 seventeen years of age into custody, the police officer shall immediate-  
 21 ly, before transporting the child to the police station house notify the  
 22 parent or other person legally responsible for ~~[his or her]~~ the juvenile  
 23 offender or sixteen or seventeen year old's care or the person with whom  
 24 ~~[he or she]~~ the juvenile offender or sixteen or seventeen year old is  
 25 domiciled, that such juvenile offender or ~~[person]~~ sixteen or seventeen  
 26 year old has been arrested, and the location of the facility where ~~[he~~  
 27 ~~or she is being]~~ the juvenile offender or sixteen or seventeen year old  
 28 will be detained.

29 (b) If the officer determines that it is necessary to question a juve-  
 30 nile offender or ~~[such person]~~ sixteen or seventeen year old the officer  
 31 must take ~~[him or her]~~ the juvenile offender or sixteen or seventeen  
 32 year old to a facility designated by the chief administrator of the  
 33 courts as a suitable place for the questioning of children or, upon the  
 34 consent of a parent or other person legally responsible for the care of  
 35 the juvenile offender or ~~[such person]~~ sixteen or seventeen year old, to  
 36 ~~[his or her]~~ the juvenile offender or sixteen or seventeen year old's  
 37 residence and there, subject to the requirements of paragraph (c) of  
 38 this subdivision, question ~~[him or her]~~ the juvenile offender or sixteen  
 39 or seventeen year old for a reasonable period of time.

40 (c) A juvenile offender or ~~[such person]~~ sixteen or seventeen year old  
 41 shall not be questioned pursuant to this section unless ~~[he or she]~~ or  
 42 until:

43 (i) the juvenile offender or sixteen or seventeen year old and a  
 44 person required to be notified pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivi-  
 45 sion, if present, have been advised:

46 ~~[(a)]~~ (A) of ~~[his or her]~~ the juvenile offender or sixteen or seven-  
 47 teen year old's right to remain silent;

48 ~~[(b)]~~ (B) that the statements made by the juvenile offender or ~~[such~~  
 49 ~~person]~~ sixteen or seventeen year old may be used in a court of law;

50 ~~[(c)]~~ (C) of ~~[his or her]~~ the juvenile offender or sixteen or seven-  
 51 teen year old's right to have an attorney present at such questioning;  
 52 and

53 ~~[(d)]~~ (D) of ~~[his or her]~~ the juvenile offender or sixteen or seven-  
 54 teen year old's right to have an attorney provided for ~~[him or her]~~ them  
 55 without charge if ~~[he or she is]~~ they are unable to afford counsel~~[,];~~  
 56 and

1 (ii) the juvenile offender or sixteen or seventeen year old has  
2 consulted with an attorney in person, by telephone, or by video confer-  
3 ence. This consultation may not be waived.

4 (d) In determining the suitability of questioning and determining the  
5 reasonable period of time for questioning such a juvenile offender or  
6 [~~such person~~] sixteen or seventeen year old, [~~his or her~~] the juvenile  
7 offender or sixteen or seventeen year old's age, the presence or absence  
8 of [~~his or her~~] the juvenile offender or sixteen or seventeen year old's  
9 parents or other persons legally responsible for [~~his or her~~] the juve-  
10 nile offender or sixteen or seventeen year old's care and notification  
11 pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision shall be included among  
12 relevant considerations.

13 (e) In addition to statements that must be suppressed as involuntarily  
14 made within the definition in subdivision two of section 60.45 of this  
15 chapter, a statement shall be suppressed: when the child has not  
16 consulted with an attorney as required by paragraph (c) of this subdivi-  
17 sion; or when a person notified pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivi-  
18 vision, if present, has not been advised of and voluntarily waived the  
19 rights delineated in paragraph (c) of this subdivision.

20 § 13. This act shall take effect April 1, 2026.