STATE OF NEW YORK

10451

IN SENATE

May 15, 2026

Introduced by Sen. MAY -- 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 requiring boards of education and school districts to allow access to attorneys for certain children

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

Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section 422-d to read as follows:

§ 422-d. Child abuse and neglect; access to court-appointed attorneys in schools. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law to the contrary, each board of education and school district shall provide any child involved in an investigation or proceeding relating to allegations of abuse and/or neglect with reasonable access to their court appointed attorneys. The provisions of this section shall not be deemed to require that such access be provided for matters solely involving adoption or custody determinations.

§ 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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