# STATE OF NEW YORK

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# IN SENATE

April 9, 2026

Introduced by Sen. SCARCELLA-SPANTON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to prohibiting removal of adolescent offenders to family court in certain circumstances

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

Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 2 of section 722.23 of the criminal procedure law, as amended by section 1-a of part WWW of chapter 59 of the laws of 2017 and subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (c) of subdivision 2 as amended by section 1 part AA of chapter 55 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The court shall order the action to proceed in accordance with subdivision one of this section unless, after reviewing the papers and hearing from the parties, the court determines in writing that the district attorney proved by a preponderance of the evidence one or more of the following as set forth in the accusatory instrument:

(i) the defendant caused significant physical injury to a person other than a participant in the offense; or

(ii) the defendant displayed a firearm, shotgun, rifle or deadly weapon as defined in the penal law in furtherance of such offense; or

(iii) **the defendant possessed a loaded firearm as defined in subdivision fifteen of section 265.00 of the penal law during the commission of the offense; or**

**(iv)** the defendant unlawfully engaged in vaginal sexual contact, oral sexual contact, anal sexual contact, or sexual contact as defined in section 130.00 of the penal law.

§ 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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