ASSEMBLY, No. 6041

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

Sponsored by:
Assemblyman KEVIN J. ROONEY
District 40 (Bergen, Essex, Morris and Passaic)

SYNOPSIS
   Prohibits Institutional Abuse Investigation Unit investigators from interviewing certain children without prior parental consent.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
   As introduced.

1   **AN ACT** concerning institutional abuse investigations and
2   supplementing Title 9 of the Revised Statutes.
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4   **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*
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7   1.   Notwithstanding any law or regulation to the contrary, an
8 Institutional Abuse Investigation Unit investigator conducting an
9 investigation of an allegation of child abuse or neglect in a licensed
10 child care center, resource home, or other out-of-home care setting
11 shall not interview any child under the age of five years old, other
12 than the child who is the subject the investigation, without the prior
13 knowledge of, and the consent to interview by, the child's parent or
14 legal guardian.
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16   2.   This act shall take effect immediately.
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19   STATEMENT
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21   Currently, Department of Children and Family regulations
22 governing child protection investigations, N.J.A.C.3A:10-1.1 et
23 seq., allow an Institutional Abuse Investigation Unit (IAIU)
24 investigator, during the course of an investigation of an allegation
25 of child abuse or neglect in a licensed child care center, resource
26 home, or other out-of-home care setting, to interview any child,
27 other than the child who is the subject of the investigation, without
28 the knowledge and consent of that child's parent.
29   This bill prohibits an IAIU investigator conducting an
30 investigation of an allegation of child abuse or neglect in a licensed
31 child care center, resource home, or other out-of-home care setting
32 from interviewing any child under the age of five years old, other
33 than the child who is the subject the investigation, without the prior
34 knowledge of, and the consent to interview by, the child's parent or
35 legal guardian.