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HOUSE BILL **427**

AN ACT relative to the procedure for filing a protective order on behalf of a minor.

SPONSORS: Rep. Josephson, Graf. 11

COMMITTEE: Children and Family Law

ANALYSIS

This bill permits a parent or guardian to file a petition for a protective order on behalf of a minor. The bill also permits a guardian to file a petition for a protective order on behalf of his or her ward.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nineteen

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 109:1 Name of Act. This act shall be known as Jade's law.

2 109:2 New Section; Child Protection Act; Petition for Protective Order Filed on Behalf of Minor.

3 Amend RSA 169-C by inserting after section 7 the following new section:

4 169-C:7-a Petition for Protective Order Filed on Behalf of Minor.

5 I.(a) A parent or guardian may file a petition for a protective order on behalf of a minor,
6 alleging abuse of the minor by a member of the minor's family or household. The court shall not
7 accept a petition under this section that is filed by a child's parent against the other parent. Any
8 order issued under this chapter may be in addition to an order issued under RSA 173-B and any
9 proceeding initiated under this chapter may be consolidated with a proceeding under RSA 173-B.

10 (b) Any minor plaintiff who seeks a protective order under this chapter need not be
11 accompanied by a parent or guardian to receive relief or services under this chapter.

12 II. A guardian may file a petition for a protective order on behalf of his or her ward, alleging
13 abuse of the ward by a member of the ward's family or household.

14 III. Any acts of abuse or neglect alleged in a petition shall be referred to the department
15 pursuant to this chapter.

109:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved: June 21, 2019

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