

Children and Young Persons (Amendment) Bill

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Read the first time on 22nd February 2001.

An Act to amend the Children and Young Persons Act (Chapter 38 of the 1994 Revised Edition), to amend the Criminal Procedure Code (Chapter 68 of the 1985 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to certain other written laws.

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Children and Young Persons (Amendment) Act 2001 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the Children and Young Persons Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “approved school”, the following definition:

“ “approved welfare officer” means a person who is appointed by the Director under section 2A(4) to carry out any investigation, assessment, supervision, consultation or evaluation in relation to any child or young person or the parent, guardian or family members thereof for the purpose of determining the welfare and state of development of such child or young person or for any other purpose under this Act;”;

(b) by deleting the definition of “Director” and substituting the following definitions:

“ “development” means physical, intellectual, emotional, social or behavioural development;

“Director” means the Director of Social Welfare appointed under section 2A(1) and, in relation to any provision in this Act or any regulations made thereunder in which the word is used, includes any public officer and any other person who is appointed or authorised by the Director under section 2A(3) to perform any of the duties or exercise any of the powers of the Director under that provision;”;

- (c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “guardian”, the following definitions:

“ “health” means physical or mental health;

“ill-treatment”, in relation to a child or young person, has the meaning assigned to it in section 4;”;

- (d) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “place of detention”, the following definitions:

“ “place of safety” means any place or institution appointed or declared to be a place of safety under section 27 or any other suitable place the occupier of which is willing temporarily to receive a child or young person;

“protector” means the Director and includes any other person who is appointed by the Director under section 2A(3) to exercise the powers and perform the duties of a protector under this Act or any regulations made thereunder;

“registered medical practitioner” means a medical practitioner registered under the Medical Registration Act (Cap. 174), and includes a dentist registered under the Dentists Act (Cap. 76);

“relevant offence” means —

- (a) any offence under Part II;
- (b) any offence under Chapter XVI of the Penal Code (Cap. 224); or
- (c) any offence involving the causing of bodily injury to a child or young person;”.