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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

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(As presented)

(Mr Osborne)

## Children's Services (Amendment) Bill 1998

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### A BILL

FOR

#### An Act to amend the *Children's Services Act 1986*

The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:

1. **Short title**

5 This Act may be cited as the *Children's Services (Amendment) Act 1998*.

2. **Commencement**

This Act commences on the day on which it is notified in the *Gazette*.

3. **Principal Act**

In this Act, "Principal Act" means the *Children's Services Act 1986*.<sup>1</sup>

10 4. **Interpretation**

Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from subsection (1) the definition of "the Court" and substituting the following definition:

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“ ‘Court’ means the Magistrates Court when known by virtue of section 20A as the Childrens Court;”.

**5. Substitution**

5 Section 20 of the Principal Act is repealed and the following sections substituted.

**“20. Childrens Court Magistrate**

“(1) The Chief Magistrate shall, by instrument, designate a magistrate to be the Childrens Court Magistrate.

10 “(2) An instrument under subsection (1) may designate the Chief Magistrate to be the Childrens Court Magistrate.”.

**“20A. Childrens Court**

Where the Magistrates Court is constituted by the Childrens Court Magistrate exercising the jurisdiction conferred by section 20B, the court shall be known as the Childrens Court.

15 **“20B. Jurisdiction**

The Court has jurisdiction—

- (a) to hear and determine informations against children; and
- (b) to hear and determine applications and other proceedings under this Act with respect to children.”.

20 **6. Saving**

Any proceedings referred to in section 20 of the Principal Act which had been instituted before the commencement of this Act and not completed before that commencement may be disposed of as if this Act had not been passed.

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**NOTE**

**Principal Act**

1. Reprinted as at 30 November 1996 See also Acts Nos 41, 85, 96 and 113, 1997

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