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# Children and Young Persons (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 22/2019.

Read the first time on 5 August 2019.

## A BILL

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An Act to amend the Children and Young Persons Act (Chapter 38 of the 2001 Revised Edition) and to make consequential and related amendments to certain other Acts.

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 is the Children and Young Persons (Amendment) Act 2019 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

## 5 Amendment of section 2

**2.**—(1) Section 2 of the Children and Young Persons Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the word "both" in the definition of "assessment" in subsection (1), the words ", and includes a forensic medical examination";
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "assessment" in subsection (1), the following definition:

""care-giver" —

- (*a*) in relation to a child or young person who is the subject of a voluntary care agreement, means a person to whose care the child or young person is committed under the voluntary care agreement;
- (b) in relation to a child or young person who is the subject of an order made under section 49, means —
  - (i) if the child or young person is committed to the care of a fit person — the fit person; or
  - (ii) if the child or young person is committed to a place of safety or place of temporary care and protection the person-in-charge of the place of safety or place of temporary care and protection (as the case may be), or such employee at the place of safety or place of

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temporary care and protection (as the case may be) whom the Director-General or a protector thinks is competent to provide care, protection and supervision to the child or young person;

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- (c) in relation to a child or young person who is the subject of an order made under section 49B(2), or section 49C (read with section 49B), means the fit person to whose care the child or young person is committed under the order; and
- (d) in relation to a child or young person
  who is the subject of an order made
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  under section 50, means
  - (i) if the child or young person is committed to the care of a fit person — the fit person; or
  - (ii) if the child or young person is 20 committed to а place of safety — the person-in-charge of the place of safety, or such employee at the place of safety whom the Director-General or a 25 protector thinks is competent to provide care, protection and supervision to the child or young person;";
- (c) by deleting the definitions of "Director" and "fit person" in subsection (1) and substituting the following definitions:

""Director-General" means the Director-General of Social Welfare;

"emotional harm", in relation to a child or young person, means any serious impairment to the <sup>35</sup>

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