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TO
CHILDREN'S AMENDMENT
BILL**

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*(As agreed to by the Portfolio Committee on Social Development
(National Assembly))*

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CHILDREN'S AMENDMENT BILL

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CLAUSE 1

1. On page 2, in line 14, after “2007” to insert “and any offence of a sexual nature in any other law”.

CLAUSE 2

1. On page 3 in line 2, after the word “amended” to insert the following:

“(1A) the provisions of subsection (1)(c) are not applicable to a person who was a child at the time of the commission of the alleged offence.”.
2. On page 3, in line 7, after the second “murder,” to insert a square bracket.
3. On page 3, in line 7, to unbold “rape, indecent”.
4. On page 3, in line 8 to unbold “assault”.
5. On page 3, in line 8 to delete the square bracket after “or”.
6. On page 3, from line 14, after “1996)” to add the following: “or offences in terms of sections 8, 9, 10 or 24A(5) of the Prevention and Combating of Trafficking in Persons Act, 2013 (Act No. 7 of 2013)”.
7. On page 3, from line 24, to substitute for paragraph (b) of the following:

“(b) by the insertion after subsection (4) of the following:
 (4A) If a court has, in terms of this Act or any other law, convicted a person of an offence referred to in section 4(a) and such a person was a child at the time of the commission of such offence, or if a court has made a finding and given a direction referred to in section 4(b) in respect of such person who was a child at the time of the alleged commission of the offence, the court may not make an order as contemplated in section 4—
 (a) unless—
 (i) the prosecutor has made an application to the court for such an order;
 (ii) the court has considered a report by the probation officer referred to in section 71 of the Child Justice Act, 2008, which deals with the probability of committing an offence contemplated in section 4, against a child;
 (iii) the person concerned has been given the opportunity to address the court as to why his or her particulars should not be included in the Register; and
 (iv) the court is satisfied that substantial and compelling circumstances exist based upon such report and any other evidence, which justify the making of such an order.

(4B) In the event that a court finds that substantial and compelling circumstances exist which justify the making of an order as contemplated in section 4, the court must enter such circumstances on the record of the proceedings.”.

8. On page 3, in line 38, after the word “children”, to add the following “unless such person was a child at the time of the commission of the offence”.
9. On page 3, in line 44, after “(5)” to insert “and of any criminal conviction contemplated in section 120(4A)”.

CLAUSE 5

1. On page 4, in line 6, to omit the word “ostensibly”
2. On page 4, in line 7 after the word “herself” to add the following words “and such inability is readily apparent”.

CLAUSE 7

1. On page 5, in line 14, after the word “Act” to omit “2015” and substitute “2016”.

LONG TITLE

On page 1 in line 2 after the word “a” to omit the words “sexual offence, or an offence for the possession of child pornography,” and insert the words “certain offences”.

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