

## CHILD WELFARE.

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No. 52 of 1971.

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### AN ACT to amend section twenty of the Child Welfare Act, 1947-1970.

[Assented to 10th December, 1971.]

**B**E it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the *Child Welfare Act Amendment Act, 1971*.

Short title  
and  
citation.

(2) In this Act the Child Welfare Act, 1947-1970 is referred to as the principal Act.

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(3) The principal Act as amended by this Act may be cited as the Child Welfare Act, 1947-1971.

Amend-  
ment to  
s. 20.  
(Jurisdic-  
tion as  
regards  
children.)

2. Section 20 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by substituting for the words “brought against”, in line two of paragraph (a) of subsection (1), the words “alleged to have been committed by”; and

(b) by adding after subsection (1) two new subsections as follows—

(1a) Where it appears to a court that a person then before it on a complaint of an offence was at the time of the commission of the alleged offence a child, then, notwithstanding that that person has subsequently attained the age of eighteen years, the jurisdiction of the court extends and the provisions of this Act apply to that person for all the purposes of any proceedings in respect of that offence.

(1b) The provisions of subsection (1a) of this section shall be taken to have come into operation on the day on which the Child Welfare Act Amendment Act, 1968, came into operation.

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