Have Your Say: Children's Amendment Bill [B18-2020]

The Portfolio Committee on Social Development invites interested people and stakeholders to submit written comments on the Children's Amendment Bill [B18-2020].

The purpose of the Children's Amendment Bill [B18-2020] is "To amend the Children's Act, 2005, so as to amend and insert certain definitions; to provide for children's right to privacy and protection of information; to further provide for the rights of unmarried fathers; to extend the children's court jurisdiction; to further provide for funding of early childhood development programmes; to provide for the designation and functions for a Registrar of the National Child Protection Register; to further provide for the care of abandoned or orphaned children and additional matters that may be regulated; to further provide for rules relating to care and protection proceedings; to further provide for medical testing of children in need of care and protection or adoption; to provide for additional matters relating to children in alternative care; to further provide for matters relating to adoption and inter-country adoption; to further provide for the hearing of child abduction matters; to further provide for matters relating to surrogate motherhood; and to provide for matters connected therewith."

Submissions must be received by no later than **Friday, 27 November 2020**. Please indicate your interest in making a verbal presentation.

Enquiries can be made with Ms Lindiwe Ntsabo on 083 709 8524 or lntsabo@parliament.gov.za

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