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## CHILDREN'S AMENDMENT BILL

### [B 18 – 2020]

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

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.

The languages used for the print media of this bill are in English, Afrikaans, isiXhosa, IsiZulu, siSwati, isiNdebele, Sepedi, Setswana, Sesotho, Tshivenda and Xitsonga. The advertisement to invite people from respective communities will be specific to the languages spoken in their constituency. The advertisement will also be forwarded to the Parliamentary Democracy Offices and municipality offices in all nine provinces in their respective languages. These offices will also be used as liaison points.

**Written submissions must be emailed to Ms Lindiwe Ntsabo at [childrens-amendment-bill@parliament.gov.za](mailto:childrens-amendment-bill@parliament.gov.za) by no later than 27 November 2020.**

In addition to the written comments, please indicate your interest in making a verbal presentation.

Copies of the Bill can be obtained from Ms Lindiwe Ntsabo 021 403 8230, cell 083 709 8524 or at [www.parliament.gov.za](http://www.parliament.gov.za)

**Issued by Mr M Gungubele, MP- Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Social Development.**

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