DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE CHILDREN'S AMENDMENT BILL, 2026, IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF BILL

Notice is hereby given in terms of Rule 276(1)*(b)* of the Rules of the National Assembly that the Minister of Basic Education intends to introduce the Children's Amendment Bill, 2026 in the National Assembly shortly.

The Explanatory Summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance with Rule 276(1)*(c)* of the Rules of the National Assembly.

The Bill amends numerous provisions of the Children's Act, which is administered by the Department of Social Development. In summary, the Bill aims to amend the Children's Act, 2005, so as to:

(a) insert new definitions;
(b) to provide for a strategy on early childhood development;
(c) to provide for data collection on early childhood development;
(d) to provide for funding of early childhood development programmes;
(e) to provide for norms and standards for early childhood development programmes;
(f) to provide for registration and conditional registration procedures;
(g) to provide for responsibilities of organs of state in relation to early childhood development programmes;
(h) and to provide for matters connected therewith.

A copy of the Bill can be found on the websites of the Department and Parliamentary Monitoring Group at http://www.dbe.gov.za and http://www.pmg.gov.za and may, after introduction, also be obtained from the Government Printers, Cape Town (telephone number: 021-465 7531).

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PUBLIKASIE VAN VERDUIDELIKENDE OPSOMMING VAN DIE WYSIGINGSWETSONTWERP OP DIE KINDERWET, 2026

Kragtens Reël 276(1)(b) van die Reëls van die Nasionale Vergadering word hiermee kennis gegee dat die Minister van Basiese Onderwys beoog om die Wysigingswetsontwerp op die Kinderwet, 2026 ("die Wetsontwerp"), eersdaags in die Nasionale Vergadering in te dien.

Die Verduidelikende Opsomming van die Wetsontwerp word hierby ooreenkomstig Reël 276(1)(c) van die Reëls van die Nasionale Vergadering gepubliseer.

Die Wetsontwerp wysig verskeie bepalings van die Kinderwet, wat deur die Departement van Maatskaplike Ontwikkeling geadministreer word. Samevattend beoog die Wetsontwerp om die Kinderwet, 2005, te wysig ten einde:

(a) nuwe omskrywings in te voeg;
(b) voorsiening te maak vir 'n strategie vir vroeë kindontwikkeling;
(c) voorsiening te maak vir data-insameling oor vroeë kindontwikkeling;
(d) voorsiening te maak vir befondsing van vroeë kindontwikkelingsprogramme;
(e) voorsiening te maak vir norme en standaarde vir vroeë kindontwikkelingsprogramme;
(f) voorsiening te maak vir registrasie- en voorwaardelike registrasieprosedures;
(g) voorsiening te maak vir verantwoordelikhede van staatsorgane met betrekking tot vroeë kindontwikkelingsprogramme; en
(h) voorsiening te maak vir aangeleenthede wat daarmee verband hou.

'n Afskrif van die Wetsontwerp kan verkry word van die webwerwe van die Departement of van die Parlementêre Moniteringsgroep by http://www.dbe.gov.za en

http://www.pmg.gov.za. Andersins kan gedrukte afskrifte aangevra word, ná die werklike indiening van die Wysigingswetsontwerp, van die Staatsdrukkers in Kaapstad (telefoon nommer: 021-465 7531).

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