

THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE 31ST MAY, 2007
LEGAL SUPPLEMENT – A



GUYANA

ACT No. 18 of 2007

JUVENILE OFFENDERS (AMENDMENT) ACT 2007

I assent,

Bharrat Jagdeo,
President.
31st May, 2007.

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

1. Short title
2. Amendment of section 2 of the Principal Act.
3. Amendment of sections 6, 8 and 9 (7) of the Principal Act.
4. Amendment of section 16 of the Principal Act.
5. Amendment of section 20A of the Principal Act.
6. Amendment of section 21 of the Principal Act.
7. Amendment of section 22 of the Principal Act.
8. Amendment of section 24 (a) of the Principal Act.

AN ACT to amend the Juvenile Offenders Act.

A.D.2007 Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-

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| Short title.
Cap.10:03 | 1. This Act, which amends the Juvenile Offenders) Act, may be cited as the Juvenile Offenders (Amendment) Act 2007. |
| Amendment of section 2 of the Principal Act. | 2. Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by the insertion after the definition of "guardian" the following definition-

"Holding Centre for Juveniles" means a centre for juveniles established or recognized by the Minister under section 20A;". |
| Amendment of sections 6, 8 and 9(7) of the Principal Act. | 3. Sections 6, 8 and 9(7) of the Principal Act are amended by the substitution for the words "place of detention" wherever they occur, of the words "Holding Centre for Juveniles". |
| Amendment of section 16 of the Principal Act. | 4. Section 16 of the Principal Act is amended by the insertion after the words "in a school for young offenders" of the words "or a Holding Centre of Juveniles". |
| Insertion of new section 20A in the Principal Act. | 5. The Principal Act is amended by the insertion immediately after section 20 of the following section as section 20A- |
| "Holding Centre for Juveniles. | 20A. (1) The Minister may establish and maintain as many centres as may be necessary as the Holding Centres for Juveniles for the reception, care and custody of children and young persons under the orders of the court or for any other appropriate reasons as the Minister may determine. |
| | (2) Where the Minister is of the opinion that any institution other than a centre established and maintained under subsection (1) is fit for the reception, care and custody of children and young persons under the orders of the court, he may recognise and certify such institution as a Holding Centre for Juveniles for the purposes of this Act. |
| | (3) Subject to the regulations as may be made in this behalf, the Holding Centres for Juveniles shall provide for the reception and |

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custody of the following children and young persons-

- (a) juveniles awaiting their court appearance ;
- (b) juveniles who have been committed by the courts but not escorted to the New Opportunity Corps;
- (c) juveniles who have completed the period of their sentence and awaiting rehabilitation to their families or to the community;
- (d) such other category of juveniles as the Minister may determine.

(4) Every Holding Centre for Juveniles to which a child or young person is sent by a court under this Act may, in addition to providing such child or young person with accommodation, maintenance, health care and facilities of education or vocational training and rehabilitation, provide facilities for the development of his character and abilities and also give him necessary training for protecting himself against moral danger or exploitation and shall also perform such other functions as may be prescribed to ensure all round growth and development of his personality."

Amendment of section 21 of the Principal Act.

6. Section 21 of the Principal Act is amended by the insertion after the words "place of detention" wherever they occur of the words "or a Holding Centre for Juveniles".

Amendment of section 22 of the Principal Act.

7. Section 22 of the Principal Act is amended by the substitution for words "any place of detention" of the words "the places of detention and the Holding Centres for Juveniles".

Amendment of section 24(a) of the Principal Act.

8. Section 24(a) of the Principal Act is amended-

- (a) by the insertion after the words "as places of detention" of the words "and the Holding Centres for Juveniles"; and
- (b) by the insertion after the words "in a place of detention" of the words "and the reception and custody of children and young persons in a Holding Centre for Juveniles".

Passed by the National Assembly on 24th May, 2007.

*S.E. Isaacs,
Clerk of the National Assembly*

(BILL No. 15/2007)