

*I hereby certify that this PUBLIC BILL has finally passed the Legislative Assembly of Queensland.*

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Brisbane,*

*The Clerk of the Parliament.*

*19 FEBRUARY*

*20 26*

*In the name and on behalf of the King, I assent to this Bill.*

*John Young*

*Government House,*

*Brisbane, 19th February*

*20 26 .*



Queensland

**No. 2 of 2026**

**A BILL for**

**An Act to amend the Youth Justice Act 1992 and the Youth Justice Regulation 2016 for particular purposes**





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# Youth Justice (Electronic Monitoring) Amendment Bill 2026

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[s 1]

## **The Parliament of Queensland enacts—**

## 1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Youth Justice (Electronic Monitoring) Amendment Act 2026*.

## 2 Commencement

This Act commences on 30 April 2026.

### 3 Act amended

This part amends the *Youth Justice Act 1992*.

#### **4 Amendment of s 52AA (Court may impose monitoring device condition)**

(1) Section 52AA(1)—

*omit, insert—*

(1) A court may, under section 52A(2), impose on a grant of bail to a child a condition that the child must wear a monitoring device while released on bail (a ***monitoring device condition***) if the court is satisfied, in addition to being satisfied of the matters mentioned in that section, that imposing the monitoring device condition is appropriate having regard to—

- (a) the suitability assessment report given to the court under subsection (4); and
- (b) any other matter the court considers relevant.

*Note—*

See the *Human Rights Act 2019*, sections 19, 22, and 25 to 28.

- (1A) However, a court may only impose on a grant of bail to a child a monitoring device condition if the chief executive advises the court that all of the following services are available in the area in which the child lives—
  - (a) services necessary to support the effective operation of a monitoring device;
  - (b) services suitable to support the child's compliance with the condition;
  - (c) services suitable to support the monitoring of the child.
- (2) Section 52AA(3), from 'having regard' to 'subsection (1)(f)'—

*omit.*
- (3) Section 52AA(5)—

*omit, insert—*

  - (5) A regulation may prescribe the matters the chief executive must consider in assessing the child's suitability for a monitoring device condition.
- (4) Section 52AA(10)—

*omit.*
- (5) Section 52AA(11), definition *prescribed indictable offence*—

*omit.*

[s 5]

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**5 Omission of s 405 (Effectiveness of monitoring device condition after geographical area stops being prescribed or section 52AA expires)**

Section 405—

*omit.*

**6 Insertion of new pt 11, div 27**

Part 11—

*insert—*

**Division 27**

**Transitional provision for  
Youth Justice (Electronic  
Monitoring) Amendment  
Act 2026**

**443 Application of s 52AA**

Section 52AA, as amended by the *Youth Justice (Electronic Monitoring) Amendment Act 2026*, applies in relation to a child in connection with a charge of an offence whether the offence was allegedly committed, or the child was charged, or any step in the proceeding was taken, before or after the commencement.

**Part 3**

**Amendment of Youth Justice  
Regulation 2016**

**7 Regulation amended**

This part amends the *Youth Justice Regulation 2016*.

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**8 Omission of pt 2A (Geographical areas for monitoring device condition)**

Part 2A—

*omit.*

**9 Omission of sch 1AA (Geographical area for child to live in)**

Schedule 1AA—

*omit.*

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