

*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

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

*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—

Part 1 Preliminary

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.

Part 2 Amendment of Youth Justice Act 1992

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]

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
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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
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7 Regulation amended

This part amends the *Youth Justice Regulation 2016*.

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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