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*[The page and line references in this list of amendments  
are to the text of the Bill as passed by Dáil Éireann]*

## LONG TITLE

1. In page 5, line 12, to delete “and to provide for related matters.” and substitute the following:  
“to provide for the abolition of the common law defence of reasonable chastisement and, for that purpose, to amend the Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person Act 1997; and to provide for related matters.”.

## SECTION 14

2. In page 14, line 8, to delete “mandated”.

## NEW SECTION

3. In page 20, after line 21, to insert the following:

“PART 5

MISCELLANEOUS

### **Abolition of defence of reasonable chastisement**

28. The Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person Act 1997 is amended by the insertion of the following section after section 24:

“24A.(1) The common law defence of reasonable chastisement is abolished.

(2) Subsection (1) shall not apply in respect of proceedings brought against a person for an offence consisting in whole or in part of any act done by the person before the commencement of *section 28* of the *Children First Act 2015*, whether those proceedings were brought before, on or after such commencement.

(3) This section shall not affect the operation of section 24.”.