



SEANAD ÉIREANN

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**LEASUITHE TUARASCÁLA
REPORT AMENDMENTS**

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Leasuithe Amendments

**Government amendments are denoted by an asterisk*

*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.”

—*Senator Jillian van Turnhout.*

*2. 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.”.

—*Senator Jillian van Turnhout.*

3. In page 24, line 21, after “1991” to insert the following:

“, including a person taking care of one or more children (other than that person’s own such children) in that person’s home, but not including any such person who is a relative of the child or children or the spouse of such relative”.

—*Senators David Cullinane, Kathryn Reilly, Trevor Ó Clochartaigh.*