SEANAD ÉIREANN

AN BILLE UM THÚS ÁITE DO LEANAÍ, 2014
CHILDREN FIRST BILL 2014
LEASUITHE TUARASCÁLA
REPORT AMENDMENTS
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.