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Leasuithe Amendments

**Government amendments are denoted by an asterisk*

SECTION 2

1. In page 3, between lines 11 and 12, to insert the following:

“Amendment of section 4 of Principal Act

2. Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the following subsections after subsection (3):

“(4) An admission order made in respect of a child to an approved centre shall only be made where the consultant psychiatrist making the admission order is satisfied of the following:

- (a) all possible avenues to source accommodation in a child inpatient unit have been exhausted;
- (b) the child’s environment is suitable having regard to their age and needs;
- (c) the approved centre has sufficient policies and protocols in place relating to the admission of a child; and
- (d) age-appropriate facilities are in place including appropriate accommodation designated for children which is segregated by age and gender from adults.

(5) Subsequent to the admission the following steps shall be taken:

- (a) the approved centre shall carry out a risk assessment in respect of the child’s admission to an adult unit; and
- (b) the approved centre will conduct a review of the child’s on-going treatment at an adult unit every twenty-four hours.”.”.

—*Senator Joan Freeman.*

[Acceptance of this amendment involves the deletion of section 2 of the Bill.]

2. In page 3, line 19, to delete “so.” and substitute the following:

“so, provided that any decision as to the best interest of the child is

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reviewed on a weekly basis by the consultant psychiatrist responsible for the care and treatment of the child in consultation with the child and their parents.”.

—*Senator Colette Kelleher.*

3. In page 3, line 22, to delete “facilities.” the following:

“facilities.

- (4) Any child admitted to an adult inpatient unit shall be treated by staff who have had appropriate training in treating children and young people.”.

—*Senator Colette Kelleher.*

TITLE

4. In page 3, to delete lines 5 to 8 and substitute the following:

“An Act to amend the Mental Health Act 2001 to protect children where admission orders are made on their behalf to approved centres and to provide that the child’s environment in the approved centre is suitable having regard to his/her age and needs.”.

—*Senator Joan Freeman.*