



**An Bille um Leanaí agus Cónais Teaghlaigh (Leasú),
2018**
**Children and Family Relationships (Amendment) Bill
2018**

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Explanatory Memorandum



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Purpose of Bill

The Children and Family Relationships Act 2015 was enacted to modernise family law in a way that is inclusive of and sensitive to the reality of contemporary family life in Ireland and to meet the needs of children living in diverse family types. Parts 2 & 3 of the Act, which are the responsibility of the Minister for Health, are key elements of the Act and are concerned with the rights of children conceived through the use of donor embryos or gametes.

The purpose of the Children and Family Relationships (Amendment) Bill 2018 is to correct a typographical and technical error in the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015, which will facilitate the subsequent commencement of Parts 2 & 3 of that Act.

Provisions of Bill

Section 1 provides that the definition of the ‘Principal Act’ to be amended is the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015.

Section 2 amends section 4 of the Principal Act at paragraph (a)(ii) of the definition of “donor” by the substitution of “section 26 (5)” for “section 26 (6)”.

Section 3 amends section 14 of the Principal Act to provide for the Minister for Health to make regulations under that section.

Section 4 amends section 16 of the Principal Act to provide for the Minister for Health to make regulations under that section.

Section 5 sets out the citation and commencement provisions for the Children and Family Relationships (Amendment) Bill 2018.

*An Roinn Sláinte,
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