

[CONFIDENTIAL]

(Rough Draft for Consideration Only.)

No. , 1944.

A BILL

To amend the Child Welfare Act, 1939, the First Offenders (Women) Act, 1918, and certain other Acts in relation to the publicity of certain proceedings; and for purposes connected therewith.

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Child Welfare Short title.
(Violence to Children) Act, 1944."

Child Welfare (Violence to Children).

2. Notwithstanding anything contained in any Act, upon the hearing before a Children's Court, or any court of summary jurisdiction, of any charge involving violence to any person under the age of eighteen years of age, the following provisions shall apply:—

Proceedings
—charge
involving
violence.

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- (a) The hearing shall take place in open court unless the court magistrate or justice is of opinion that in the interests of the person against whom the violence is alleged to have been committed, the hearing or any part thereof should take place in camera, and directs accordingly.
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- (b) The court magistrate or justice may direct that no person shall publish in a newspaper, or cause or allow to be published in a newspaper the evidence given on the hearing of the charge, or any portion of that evidence specified in the direction; and any person who fails to comply with any such direction shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds.
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- (c) The provisions of section four of the First Offenders (Women) Act, 1918, shall not apply to or in respect of any proceedings before a Children's Court or a court of summary jurisdiction upon the hearing of any such charge.
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