

**BELIZE:**

**FAMILIES AND CHILDREN (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2021**

**ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES**

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**BELIZE:****BILL****for**

**AN ACT** to amend the Families and Children Act Chapter 173 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; to substitute the term “approved children home” with the term “residential care facility” in order to ensure consistency with its use in those laws that refer to residential care facilities; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

*(Gazetted ....., 2021)*

**BE IT ENACTED**, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives and Senate of Belize and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Short title.

**1.** This Act may be cited as the

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CAP. 173.

and shall be read and construed as one with the Families and Children Act which, as amended, is hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

Repeal and replacement of terms.

**2.** The principal Act is amended in section 2 by repealing the terms “approved children home” or “Approved children’s homes” or “approved children’s home or “approved agency”, wherever they occur and replacing them with the term “residential care facility”;

Deletion of definition.

**3.** The principal Act is amended in section 2 by deleting the definition of “Department”.

Amendment of section 9(1) and (4).

**4.** The principal Act is amended in section 9(1) and (4) by deleting the word “Department” and substituting the word “Ministry”.

Amendment of section 46(2).

**5.** The principal Act is amended in section 46(2) by deleting the word “Department” and substituting the word “Ministry”.

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| <p>6. The principal Act is amended in section 47 by deleting the word “Department” and substituting the word “Ministry”.</p>   | <p>Amendment of section 47.</p>                  |
| <p>7. The principal Act is amended in section 99(4) by deleting the word “Department” and substituting the words “Department of Human Services or Community Rehabilitation Department”.</p>                | <p>Amendment of section 99 (4).</p>              |
| <p>8. The principal Act is amended in section 98(a) and (b) by deleting the word “Department” and substituting the words “Department of Human Services or Community Rehabilitation Department”.</p>        | <p>Amendment of section 98(a) and (b).</p>       |
| <p>9. The principal Act is amended in section 98(c) by deleting the word “Department” and substituting the words “Department of Human Services”.</p>   | <p>Amendment of section 98(c).</p>               |
| <p>10. The principal Act is amended in section 103(1) and (2) by deleting the word “Department” and substituting the words “Department of Human Services or Community Rehabilitation Department”.</p>      | <p>Amendment of section 103(1) and (2).</p>      |
| <p>11. The principal Act is amended in section 106(1) by deleting the word “Department” and substituting the words “Department of Human Services or Community Rehabilitation Department”.</p>              | <p>Amendment of section 106(1).</p>              |
| <p>12. The principal Act is amended in section 111(1), (2) and (3) by deleting the word “Department” and substituting the words “Department of Human Services or Community Rehabilitation Department”.</p> | <p>Amendment of section 111(1), (2) and (3).</p> |
| <p>13. The principal Act is amended in section 111(4) by deleting the word “Department” and substituting the words “Department of Human Services”.</p>   | <p>Amendment of section 111(4).</p>              |
| <p>14. The principal Act is amended in section 121 by deleting the word “Department” and substituting the word “Ministry”.</p>   | <p>Amendment of section 121.</p>                 |
| <p>15. The principal Act is amended by repealing section 123.</p>  | <p>Repeal of sections 123.</p>                   |
| <p>16. The principal Act is amended by repealing section 132.</p>  | <p>Repeal of section 132.</p>                    |
| <p>17. The principal Act is amended in section 134(4), by deleting the word “Department” and substituting the words “Department of Human Services”.</p>  | <p>Amendment of section 134(4).</p>              |