

BELIZE:

**CERTIFIED INSTITUTIONS (CHILDREN'S REFORMATION)
(REPEAL) ACT, 2021**

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

1. Short title.
2. Repeal.
3. Savings and transitional.
4. Referential amendment.



No. 54 of 2021

I assent,

(H.E. MS. FROYLA TZALAM)
Governor-General

17th December 2021

AN ACT to repeal the Certified Institutions (Children's Reformation) Act, Chapter 121 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Gazetted 18th December, 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:

1. This Act may be cited as the

Short title.

CERTIFIED INSTITUTIONS (CHILDREN'S REFORMATION) (REPEAL) ACT, 2021.

Repeal.
CAP. 121.

2. The Certified Institutions (Children's Reformation) Act is repealed.

Savings and
transitional.

3.–(1) Notwithstanding the repeal of the Certified Institutions (Children's Reformation) Act by this Act, the repeal shall not affect any–

- (a) right, privilege obligation or liability acquired, accrued, accruing or incurred under the Certified Institutions (Children's Reformation) Act;
- (b) penalty, forfeiture, or punishment incurred in respect of any offence committed against any enactment so repealed; or
- (c) investigation, legal proceeding, or any remedy of any right, privilege obligation, liability penalty, forfeiture, or punishment as stated under sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) above,

(2) Any investigation, legal proceedings or remedy under sub-section (1)(c), may be instituted, continued or enforced, and any such penalty, forfeiture or punishment under sub-section (1)(b), may be imposed as if this Act had not been passed.

(3) Notwithstanding sub-section (1)–

- (a) a person who immediately before the coming into force of this Act was ordered by a court or the Minister to be sent to a certified institution and be there detained shall be deemed to have been ordered by the court or the Minister to be sent and detained in a residential care facility under the Social Service Agencies Act; and

CAP. 45.

(b) any licence issued under the repealed Act which is in force at the commencement of this Act shall remain valid for the period of the licence.

(4) Every certified institution in operation immediately before the commencement of this Act shall, upon the coming into force of this Act, be deemed to be a Social Service Agency under the Social Service Agencies Act.

CAP. 45.

(5) The proprietor of a certified institution shall be subject to the provisions of the Social Service Agencies Act and comply with the requirements for registration and licensing under that Act.

CAP.45.

4. A reference in any other enactment to a certified institution is to be read as a reference to a Social Service Agency under the Social Service Agencies Act.

Referential
amendment.
CAP 45.