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[L.S.]



I Assent,

Rodney Williams,
Governor-General

3rd March, 2018.

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AN ACT to amend the Child Justice Act 2015, No. 23 of 2015 to raise the age of criminal responsibility from 8 years to 12 years in keeping with regional standards and for other related and connected purposes.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows:

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Child Justice (Amendment) Act, 2018.

2. Interpretation

In this Act —

“principal Act” means the Child Justice Act 2015, No. 23 of 2015.

3. Amendment of section 5 of the principal Act

The principal Act is amended in section 5 by repealing the words “of eight years” wherever it occurs and replacing these with the words “of twelve years”.

4. Amendment of section 43 of the principal Act

Section 43 of the principal Act is amended in paragraph (a) by repealing the words “between 8 years and 12 years” and replacing these with the words “under fourteen years”.

5. Amendment of section 52 of the principal Act

Section 52 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) in subsection (1) by repealing the words “of eight years” and replacing these with the words “of twelve years”; and
- (b) in subsection (3) by repealing the words “of subsection (3)” and replacing these with the words “of subsection (2)”.

Passed by the House of Representatives on
the 6th day of February, 2018.

Passed by the Senate on the 15th day of
February, 2018.

Gerald Watt Q.C.,
Speaker.

Alicia Williams Grant,
President.

Ramona Small,
Clerk to the House of Representatives.

Ramona Small,
Clerk to the Senate.