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Bill

further to amend the Juvenile Justice System Act, 2018

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Juvenile Justice System Act, 2018 (XXII of 2018), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:

1. Short title and commencement.—(1) This Act may be called the Juvenile Justice System (Amendment) Act, 2019.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 10, Act XXII of 2018.— In the Juvenile Justice System Act, 2018 (XXII of 2018), in Section 10, in sub-section (2),-

(a) for the word, “four” the word, “five”, shall be substituted;

(b) after paragraph (d), the following new paragraph shall be added, namely:-

“(e) a qualified child rights activist that understands the plight of the underage victims, and is equipped to deal with their issues.”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Juvenile Justice Committee consist of four members, including a serving Judicial Magistrate with powers under section 30 of CrPC (Head of Committee); District Public Prosecutor; Member of local Bar association having at least 7 years’ experience, appointed by the concerned Sessions Judge for a period of 2 years; and serving probation officer or social welfare officer not below BPS-17.

It is essential to add a child rights activist in the said Committee having the following expertise:-

- Assessment of child and family.
- Communication of child’s needs, medical and social history.
- Practical assistance to family.
- Working with family to make sure child is appropriately screened for special needs.
- Involving family in all aspects of placement.
- Facilitating visits for child with family, relatives and siblings based on court ordered visitation.
- Tracking of child’s case within state adoption/foster care database.
- Attend all court hearings and make recommendations to judge.

So that the object of law can be achieved in the light of international covenants.

Sd/-
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