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**An Act to Amend the Child, Youth and Family Services Act
(No. 2)**

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BE IT ENACTED by the Lieutenant Governor and the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Prince Edward Island as follows:

1. (1) **Subsection 12(1) of the *Child, Youth and Family Services Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. C-6.01, is amended by the deletion of the words “a child is in need of protection” and the substitution of the words “the safety or well-being of a child is endangered”.**
- (2) **Subsection 12(2) of the Act is amended by the deletion of the words “the child is in need of protection” and the substitution of the words “the safety or well-being of the child is endangered”.**
2. (1) **Clause 13(1)(c) of the Act is amended by the deletion of the words “a child may be in need of protection” and the substitution of the words “the safety or well-being of a child may be endangered”.**
- (2) **Subclause 13(2) of the Act is amended**
 - (a) **in subclause (a)(iii), by the addition of the words “or other person” after the words “a parent”; and**
 - (b) **in clause (b), by the addition of the words “or other person” after the words “a parent”.**
3. **Clause 15(c) of the Act is amended**
 - (a) **by the deletion of the word “or” in subclause (iii);**
 - (b) **by the deletion of the period after subclause (iv) and the substitution of the words “, or”; and**
 - (c) **by the addition of the following after subclause (iv):**
 - (v) **supports or services for victims of violence.**

4. The Act is amended by the addition of the following after section 15:

15.1 Child's safety or well-being endangered

Where, following an assessment or investigation, the Director determines that there are reasonable grounds to suspect or believe that the safety or well-being of the child is endangered because of circumstances other than those set out in subsection 3(1), the Director may refer the matter to an appropriate authority with jurisdiction to address it.

5. (1) Subsection 30(1) of the Act is amended by the addition of the words “in need of protection” after the words “exploit a child”.

(2) Subsection 30(5) of the Act is amended by the deletion of the words “exploit a child” and the substitution of the words “exploit the child”.

6. Clause 63(i) of the Act is amended by the addition of the words “under subsection 14(1)” after the word “investigated”.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

SECTION 1 amends section 12 of the *Child, Youth and Family Services Act* to broaden the duty to report to any circumstance where a person has knowledge or reasonable grounds to suspect that the safety or well-being of a child is endangered.

SECTION 2 amends section 13 of the Act to reflect the amendment of section 12 of the Act.

SECTION 3 amends clause 15(c) of the Act to add supports or services for victims of violence to those to which the Director may refer a child, parent or family where the Director determines there are not reasonable grounds to suspect or believe that the child is in need of protection.

SECTION 4 adds a new section 15.1 to the Act providing for the Director to refer a matter to an appropriate authority where, following an assessment or investigation, the Director determines that there are reasonable grounds to suspect or believe that the safety or well-being of a child is endangered because of circumstances other than those that cause a child to be in need of protection under the Act.

SECTION 5 amends section 30 of the Act to confirm the section applies in respect of a child in need of protection and to make a grammatical correction.

SECTION 6 amends clause 63(i) of the Act to confirm the regulation power relates to investigations conducted under subsection 14(1) of the Act.

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