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## CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

**Hon. Refiloe Kekana**

*Chairperson: Portfolio Committee on Social Development*

### **GPL INVITES PUBLIC TO COMMENT ON THE CHILDREN'S AMENDMENT BILL [B18 B-2020] Section 76**

The Gauteng Provincial Legislature invites all interested stakeholders and individuals to comment on amendments made to the Children's Amendment Bill [B18 B-2020] Section 76.

The Bill responds to the comprehensive legal solution relating to foster care system providing holistic protection to vulnerable children as ordered by the North Gauteng High Court in 2011.

The Bill seeks to amend the Children's Act, 2005, so as to amend and insert certain definitions; to extend the children's court jurisdiction; to further provide for the care of abandoned or orphaned children and additional matters that may be regulated; to provide for additional matters relating to children in alternative care; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

Once the Bill has been enacted, it is predicted that a marked improvement will be observed in the lives of vulnerable children, their caregivers and their parents.

All interested parties in the Children's Amendment Bill are invited to give their input and participate using any of the following methods:

#### **1. MAKE A WRITTEN SUBMISSION TO:**

Mr Siphon Nqwala Email: [SNqwala@gpl.gov.za](mailto:SNqwala@gpl.gov.za)

**by Friday, 21 October 2022. (Email subject title Children Amendment Bill Submission)**

#### **2. ATTEND ONE OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS**

##### **1st Public Hearing:**

**DATE:** Monday, 17 October 2022 **TIME:** 10h00

**VENUE:** CHIEF MOGALE HALL (11013 Randfontein Rd, Witpoortje 245 IQ, Krugersdorp, 1754)

##### **2nd Public Hearing:**

**DATE:** Wednesday, 19 October 2022 **TIME:** 10h00

**VENUE:** JOHANNESBURG CITY HALL (43 Rissik Street, Johannesburg, 2000)

**Live streaming available for both of the public hearings on the Gauteng Provincial Legislature YouTube and Facebook pages. (Simply search for "Gauteng Provincial Legislature" on YouTube and Facebook).**

The Copy of the Bill, presentation from the National Department of Social Development and the National Council of Provinces Legal opinion on the Bill are available on [www.gpl.gov.za](http://www.gpl.gov.za)

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