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**CHILDREN'S SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991**

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

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1. **Outline:** This Bill amends the *Children's Service Act 1986* to record the name change of the existing Youth Advocate to Community Advocate on the commencement of the *Community Advocate Act 1991*. There is no change to the existing youth advocacy functions.

2. **Financial Considerations:** There are no financial consideration involved.

### **CLAUSES OF THE BILL**

#### **Clause 1: Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Children's Services (Amendment) Act 1991*.

#### **Clause 2: Commencement**

This clause provides that the change in name of the Youth Advocate to Community Advocate commences on the same day as the Community Advocate is appointed under the *Community Advocate Act 1991*.

#### **Clause 3: Principal Act**

This clause identifies the Principal Act to be amended as the *Children's Services Act 1986*.

#### **Clause 4: Repeal**

This clause repeals the office of Youth Advocate as specified by section 9 of the Principal Act.

#### **Clause 5: Acting appointments**

This clause removes from the Principal Act references to acting appointments of a Youth Advocate (the *Community Advocate Act 1991* contains its own provisions for acting appointments).

#### **Clause 6: Community Advocate**

This clause provides an ambulatory amendment which substitutes for all references to "Youth Advocate" in the Principal Act, the title "Community Advocate".

#### **Clause 7: Transitional provisions**

This clause preserves the validity of any instrument, act or thing done by the Youth Advocate prior to the change in title to Community Advocate.