

CHILD WELFARE ORDINANCE 1969

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No. 5 of 1969

An Ordinance to amend the *Child Welfare Ordinance*
1958-1967

[Assented to 18 March, 1969]

BE it ordained by the Legislative Council for the Northern Territory of Australia as follows:—

1.—(1.) This Ordinance may be cited as the *Child Welfare Ordinance* 1969. Short title and citation

(2.) The *Child Welfare Ordinance* 1958-1967 is in this Ordinance referred to as the Principal Ordinance.

(3.) The Principal Ordinance, as amended by this Ordinance, may be cited as the *Child Welfare Ordinance* 1958-1969.

2. Section 26 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting from sub-section (3.) the words “paragraph (b)” and inserting in their stead the words “paragraph (a)”. Powers of Children's Courts

3. After section 37 of the Principal Ordinance the following section is inserted:—

“37A.—(1.) This section applies to and in relation to a child who— Interstate probation orders

(a) has been released on probation by order of a court of a State or part of the Commonwealth, other than the Northern Territory; and

(b) is, in consequence of the making of the probation order, subject to the supervision of a person.

“(2.) Where a child to whom this section applies enters the Northern Territory, the Director may, by arrangement with the person who is responsible for the supervision of the child, assume responsibility for the supervision of the child while the child is in the Northern Territory.

“(3.) Where, under the last preceding sub-section, the Director assumes responsibility for the supervision of a child, then, while the order is in force and the child is in the Northern Territory and under the age of seventeen years, this Ordinance

applies to and in relation to the child as if he had been released on probation under this Ordinance on terms and conditions which are *mutatis mutandis* the terms and conditions (if any) on which he was released on probation as mentioned in sub-section (1.) of this section.”.

4. After section 68 of the Principal Ordinance the following section is inserted:—

Director may
receive State
child from
place within
the
Commonwealth

“68A.—(1.) Where a Minister or other appropriate statutory authority of a State or part of the Commonwealth, other than the Northern Territory, is empowered to send a child to the Northern Territory, the Director may, by arrangement with that Minister or authority, undertake the care of such a child who has entered or is about to enter the Northern Territory.

“(2.) Where, by an arrangement with a person under the last preceding sub-section, the Director undertakes the care of a child, he may, while that person’s authority over the child continues and the child is in the Northern Territory and under the age of seventeen years—

- (a) commit the child to an institution;
- (b) see to the child’s training, education and maintenance;
- (c) make and carry out financial arrangements with that person in relation to the child; and
- (d) remove the child from the Northern Territory and return him to that person.

“(3.) Where the Director has undertaken the care of a child under this section, he may authorize a police officer or other person to take the child to an institution.”.
