



Queensland

# **Youth Justice (Electronic Monitoring) Amendment Act 2026**

**Act No. 2 of 2026**

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**An Act to amend the Youth Justice Act 1992 and the Youth Justice  
Regulation 2016 for particular purposes**

**[Assented to 19 February 2026]**





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The Parliament of Queensland enacts—

## Part 1 Preliminary

### 1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Youth Justice (Electronic Monitoring) Amendment Act 2026*.

### 2 Commencement

This Act commences on 30 April 2026.

## Part 2 Amendment of Youth Justice Act 1992

### 3 Act amended

This part amends the *Youth Justice Act 1992*.

### 4 Amendment of s 52AA (Court may impose monitoring device condition)

(1) Section 52AA(1)—

*omit, insert—*

- (1) A court may, under section 52A(2), impose on a grant of bail to a child a condition that the child must wear a monitoring device while released on bail (a ***monitoring device condition***) if the court is satisfied, in addition to being satisfied of the matters mentioned in that section, that imposing the monitoring device condition is appropriate having regard to—

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- (a) the suitability assessment report given to the court under subsection (4); and
- (b) any other matter the court considers relevant.

*Note—*

See the *Human Rights Act 2019*, sections 19, 22, and 25 to 28.

(1A) However, a court may only impose on a grant of bail to a child a monitoring device condition if the chief executive advises the court that all of the following services are available in the area in which the child lives—

- (a) services necessary to support the effective operation of a monitoring device;
- (b) services suitable to support the child's compliance with the condition;
- (c) services suitable to support the monitoring of the child.

(2) Section 52AA(3), from 'having regard' to 'subsection (1)(f)'—

*omit.*

(3) Section 52AA(5)—

*omit, insert—*

(5) A regulation may prescribe the matters the chief executive must consider in assessing the child's suitability for a monitoring device condition.

(4) Section 52AA(10)—

*omit.*

(5) Section 52AA(11), definition *prescribed indictable offence*—

*omit.*

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**5 Omission of s 405 (Effectiveness of monitoring device condition after geographical area stops being prescribed or section 52AA expires)**

Section 405—

*omit.*

**6 Insertion of new pt 11, div 27**

Part 11—

*insert—*

**Division 27 Transitional provision for Youth Justice (Electronic Monitoring) Amendment Act 2026**

**443 Application of s 52AA**

Section 52AA, as amended by the *Youth Justice (Electronic Monitoring) Amendment Act 2026*, applies in relation to a child in connection with a charge of an offence whether the offence was allegedly committed, or the child was charged, or any step in the proceeding was taken, before or after the commencement.

**Part 3 Amendment of Youth Justice Regulation 2016**

**7 Regulation amended**

This part amends the *Youth Justice Regulation 2016*.

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**8 Omission of pt 2A (Geographical areas for monitoring device condition)**

Part 2A—

*omit.*

**9 Omission of sch 1AA (Geographical area for child to live in)**

Schedule 1AA—

*omit.*

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