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**PUBLIC HEARINGS OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE
AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT ON CHILD JUSTICE BILL
[B49-2002]**

The Portfolio Committee on Justice and Constitutional Development will be conducting Public Hearings on the Child Justice Bill which aims to protect the rights of children as contemplated in the Constitution and promote the spirit of *ubuntu* in the child justice system. It also aims at preventing children from being exposed to the adverse effects of the formal criminal justice system by using, where appropriate, processes, procedures, mechanisms, services or options more appropriate to the needs of children and in accordance with the Constitution. This includes the use of diversion; and the promotion of co-operation between all government departments and other organizations and agencies involved in implementing an effective criminal justice system for children.

The hearings will take place on Thursday 24th January 2008 from 10:00, in Parliament

Should any person or organization like to make written submissions on the Bill to the Committee, they should do so by no later than 18 January 2008. Any person or organization who would like to give further oral evidence before the Committee should notify the Committee of such intention by no later than 18 January 2008.

Copies of the Bill can be obtained from Ms PH Sibisi.

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