



## Protecting children from perverts

THE Sexual Offences Against Children Bill 2017 is aimed at protecting children under 18 years old.

Among the areas covered and punishments are:

### CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

- Covers visual, audio, written or the combination of all three, involving a child or a person appearing to be a child involved in sexually explicit conduct.

- Includes sexual intercourse, genital to genital physical contact, oral to genital, anal to genital, anal to anal between same or opposite sex, masturbation, lascivious exhibition of genitals, pubic area and anus.

- Anyone involved in producing or making child pornography can be jailed up to 30 years with six strokes of the rotan.

- Anyone who makes any preparation to produce or make child pornography can be jailed up to 10 years and also be liable to whipping.

- Anyone who uses or causes a child to produce or make pornography can be jailed up to 20 years and whipping of not less than five strokes.

- Any person who collects, distributes or deals with child pornography can be jailed for 15 years and liable to three strokes of the rotan.

- Selling or distributing pornography to a child is punishable by a jail sentence of up to 15 years with five strokes of the rotan.

- For accessing or having in possession of child pornography, jailed up to five

years and be fined up to RM10,000.

### CHILD GROOMING

- Anyone who communicates sexually or encourages a child to do it can be jailed up to three years.

- Communicates with the intention to produce or make pornography can be jailed up to five years and liable to whipping.

- A person who has communicated and later meets the child after the grooming can be jailed up to 10 years and liable to whipping.

### SEXUAL ASSAULT

- Anyone who touches a part of the body of the child or makes the child do it to the proprietor or on themselves without intercourse can be jailed up to

20 years and liable to whipping.

- Non-physical sexual assault, engages in any sexual activities with or in front of the child can be jailed up to 10 years or a fine up to RM 20,000.

### PERSON IN RELATION OF TRUST

- A person who commits a sexual crime to a child under his care and supervision can be jailed up to five years and two strokes of the rotan.

### CREDIBILITY AND EVIDENCE OF CHILD WITNESS

- The court may allow for the uncorroborated evidence of a child, given under oath or otherwise, to be admissible. But the court before that shall ascertain the child possesses sufficient intelligence.