1. The Bill proposes amendments to the *Juvenile Justice Act 1992*, *Child Protection Act 1999*, *Young Offenders (Interstate Transfer) Act 1987* and other Acts.
2. A review of the Juvenile Justice Act was conducted to ensure it was providing an effective framework for a best practice youth justice system with the capacity to respond to current demands and challenges.
3. The amendments propose to:

* give courts specific powers to place curfews on juvenile offenders which will reduce the chances of them reoffending and ensure they are properly supervised;
* widen court powers in relation to naming juvenile offenders, allowing orders to be issued that allow publication of identifying information if the court considers it to be in the interests of justice to do so;
* increase the minimum mandatory detention period for young people convicted of multiple murders from 15 years to 20 years’ imprisonment;
* give police stronger powers to arrest and take to court young people who:
  + - * do not comply with youth justice conferencing requirements; or
      * contravene an agreement as part of their youth justice program; or
      * fail to attend a drug assessment session;
* require courts to consider setting a date for the transfer of offenders from youth detention to adult prison when sentencing young offenders to detention beyond the age of 18;
* automatically prohibit the publication of information which identifies a child victim;
* contribute to reducing remand levels by:
  + - * requiring courts to consider the likely sentence when making bail decisions;
      * clarifying that if a young person is remanded in detention because of a threat of harm to their safety, the threat must arise from the circumstances of the alleged offence (such as a threat of retribution from a victim or a co-accused);
* update the name of the *Juvenile Justice Act 1992* to the Y*outh Justice Act 1992*; and
* make minor amendments (eg to give victims the right to bring more than one support person with them to a formal youth justice conference) to improve the practical aspects of the relevant Acts.

1. Cabinet approved that the Juvenile Justice and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2009 be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
2. *Attachments*
   * + - [Juvenile Justice and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2009](Attachments/JuvJust.pdf)
       - [Explanatory notes](Attachments/JuvJustExp.pdf)