



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Justice Bill

Notice of Amendments tabled on
26 February 2026 for Consideration Stage

New Clause

Before clause 24 insert—

‘Minimum age of criminal responsibility

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A24. For Article 3 of the Criminal Justice (Children) (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (age of responsibility) substitute—

“Age of criminal responsibility

3. A child under the age of 16 years shall not be charged with any offence.”’

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