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South Australia

**Evidence (Reporting on Sexual Offences)
Amendment Bill 2019**

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the *Evidence Act 1929*.

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The Parliament of South Australia enacts as follows:

Part 1—Preliminary

1—Short title

5 This Act may be cited as the *Evidence (Reporting on Sexual Offences) Amendment Act 2019*.

2—Commencement

This Act will come into operation on a day to be fixed by proclamation.

3—Amendment provisions

10 In this Act, a provision under a heading referring to the amendment of a specified Act amends the Act so specified.

Part 2—Amendment of *Evidence Act 1929*

4—Amendment of section 71A—Restriction on reporting on sexual offences

- (1) Section 71A(1)—delete subsection (1)
 - (2) Section 71A(2)—delete "Subject to this section, a person must not, before the relevant date," and substitute:
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A person must not, before the relevant time,

- (3) Section 71A(3) to (3e)—delete subsections (3) to (3e) (inclusive)
- (4) Section 71A(5), definition of *relevant date*—delete the definition and substitute:

20 *relevant time*, in relation to a charge of an offence, means the time at which the accused person's first appearance in a court (whether personally or by counsel or solicitor) in relation to the charge is concluded.