Government pauses parts of legislative proposal related to the detention of children

On 15 June 2026, the government voted in favour of parts of the new legislative proposal on new rules for detention and alternatives to detention, such as supervision, which will mean that the person is obliged to live in a certain place or remain within a certain area. This obligation will be combined with conditions on electronic supervision if needed to ensure compliance.

Clarifications will be provided on the conditions for the supervision or the detention and also on the public authorities responsible for each stage of the decision.

While most of these rules will apply from 21 July 2026, the government did not approve some parts of the proposal which referred to certain grounds for detaining children, time limits and grounds to separate children from their guardians. These parts of the proposal will be returned to the Committee on Social Insurance and will remain there for at least 12 months, in line with the decision of the Constitutional Court which considers that those provisions should follow a special legislative procedure.

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