



New South Wales

# Bail Amendment (Extension of Limitation on Bail in Certain Circumstances) Bill 2025

## Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

## Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to extend the temporary limitation in the *Bail Act 2013* (*the Act*), section 22C on when bail authorities may grant bail in certain circumstances to young persons who are 14–17 years of age.

## Outline of provisions

**Clause 1** sets out the name, also called the short title, of the proposed Act.

**Clause 2** provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on the date of assent to the proposed Act.

## Schedule 1 Amendment of Bail Act 2013 No 26

**Schedule 1** extends the operation of the Act, section 22C until the end of 3 April 2028. The section provides for a limitation on when a bail authority may grant bail to a young person for a relevant offence alleged to have been committed while the young person is on bail for another offence of that type. A relevant offence is defined as a serious breaking and entering offence or a motor theft offence. The section applies to a young person who is 14–17 years of age at the time the offence the subject of the bail decision is committed. The limitation requires the bail authority to have a high degree of confidence the young person will not commit a serious indictable offence, within the meaning of the *Crimes Act 1900*, if bail is granted.