

FACT SHEET

Sentencing Amendment (Sexual Offences) Bill 2016

The Sentencing Amendment (Sexual Offences) Bill 2016 amends the *Sentencing Act 1997*.

This Bill will insert a new section 11A to define aggravating circumstances in relation to certain sexual offences that courts are to take into account when sentencing an offender.

This Bill also prevents a court from taking into account an offender's good character or lack of previous convictions where those matters were of assistance to the offender in the commission of certain sexual offences.