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An Act to make provision about sentencing guidelines in relation to pre-sentence reports. [19th June 2025]

BE IT ENACTED by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Sentencing guidelines about pre-sentence reports

(1) Section 120 of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 (sentencing guidelines) is amended as follows.

(2) After subsection (4) insert—

"(4A) But sentencing guidelines about pre-sentence reports may not include provision framed by reference to different personal characteristics of an offender."

(3) After subsection (11) insert—

"(12) For the purposes of this section—

"personal characteristics" include, in particular—

(a) race;

(b) religion or belief;

(c) cultural background;

"pre-sentence report" has the same meaning as in the Sentencing Code (see section 31 of the Code)."

2 Extent, commencement and short title

(1) This Act extends to England and Wales only.

(2) This Act comes into force on the day after the day on which it is passed.

(3) This Act may be cited as the Sentencing Guidelines (Pre-sentence Reports) Act 2025.

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