



School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013

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PART 2

STANDARDS

CHAPTER 3

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GUIDANCE

37 Directions

- (1) Subsection (2) applies if, in relation to a policy statement issued by a school authority, the Welsh Ministers consider that the authority's alternative policy for the exercise of functions (in whole or in part) is not likely to improve the standard of education provided at a school to which the policy statement relates.
- (2) The Welsh Ministers may direct the school authority to take any action which the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate for the purpose of securing the exercise of functions by the authority in accordance with the school improvement guidance issued to the authority in accordance with this Chapter.
- (3) A school authority subject to a direction under this section must comply with it.
- (4) This includes a direction to exercise a power or duty that is contingent upon the opinion of the school authority.
- (5) A direction under this section—
 - (a) must be given in writing;
 - (b) may be varied or revoked by a later direction;
 - (c) is enforceable by mandatory order on application by, or on behalf of, the Welsh Ministers.

Changes to legislation:

School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, Section 37 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 13 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Pt. 3 Ch. 3A inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 29\(7\)](#)
- s. 1(9A) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 29\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 38(2)(ca) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 29\(3\)\(a\)](#)
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