

*These notes refer to the Higher Education (Wales) Act  
2015 (c.1) which received Royal Assent on 12 March 2015*

# HIGHER EDUCATION (WALES) ACT 2015

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS OF THE ACT

#### **Part 2 – Fee and Access Plans**

#### ***Section 12 – Supplementary provision about compliance and reimbursement directions***

36. This section allows HEFCW to issue guidance about the steps to be taken by the governing body of an institution in complying with a direction given under section 11. Guidance might provide for the circumstances in which excess fees are to be reimbursed directly to a student and the circumstances in which excess fees are to be reimbursed through the Student Loans Company Limited. Section 12(3) requires a governing body, in complying with such a direction, to take into account any guidance issued by HEFCW under this section. Before issuing guidance, HEFCW must consult the governing body of each regulated institution and may consult the governing bodies of other institutions in Wales that provide higher education and are charities as HEFCW think appropriate.