



Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004

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- (1) Where, in connection with the exercise of an education authority's functions under this Act in relation to any child or young person, the relevant person wishes—
- (a) to have another person (referred to as a “supporter”) present at any discussions with the authority for the purpose of supporting the relevant person in the course of those discussions, or
 - (b) another person (referred to as an “advocate”) to—
 - (i) conduct such discussions or any part of them, or
 - (ii) make representations to the authority,on the relevant person's behalf,
- the education authority must comply with the relevant person's wishes, unless the wishes are unreasonable.
- (2) In subsection (1), “the relevant person” means—
- (a) in the case of a child, the child's parent,
 - [^{F1}(aa) in the case of a child who has attained the age of 12 years and who the authority is satisfied has capacity in relation to discussions or representations as mentioned in subsection (1), the child,]
 - (b) in the case of a young person—
 - (i) the young person, or
 - (ii) if the authority are satisfied that the young person lacks capacity to participate in discussions or make representations as referred to in subsection (1), the young person's parent.
- (3) Nothing in subsection (1) is to be read as requiring an education authority to provide or pay for a supporter or advocate.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004, Section 14. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 14(2)(aa) inserted (10.1.2018) by [Education \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(asp 8\)](#), s. 33(2), **sch. para. 13**; [S.S.I. 2017/354](#), reg. 2(a)
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Commencement Information

- I1** S. 14 in force at 14.11.2005 by [S.S.I. 2005/564](#), **art. 2**

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