

## Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

## PART 7

## ATTENDANCE AT CHILDREN'S HEARING

## Power to exclude relevant person's representative from children's hearing

- (1) This section applies where a children's hearing is satisfied that the presence at the hearing of a representative of a relevant person in relation to the child—
  - (a) is preventing the hearing from obtaining the views of the child, or
  - (b) is causing, or is likely to cause, significant distress to the child.
- (2) The children's hearing may exclude the representative from the children's hearing for as long as is necessary.
- (3) After the exclusion has ended, the chairing member of the children's hearing must explain to the representative what has taken place in the representative's absence.