



# Children (Scotland) Act 2020

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### CHILDREN (SCOTLAND) ACT 2020

#### *Regard to be had to child's views*

- 1 Proceedings under Children (Scotland) Act 1995
- 2 Proceedings under Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007
- 3 Proceedings under Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

#### *Vulnerable witnesses and parties*

- 4 Vulnerable witnesses: prohibition of personal conduct of case
- 5 Vulnerable witnesses: requirement to consider special measures without application in certain cases
- 6 Hearing to ascertain if case involves vulnerable witnesses
- 7 Register of solicitors for section 22B of the Vulnerable Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2004
- 8 Vulnerable parties

#### *Register for child welfare reporters*

- 9 Establishment of register

#### *Contact*

- 10 Regulation of provision of contact services
- 11 Referrals by solicitors to contact services
- 12 Arrangements for contact services
- 13 Promotion of contact between looked after children and siblings
- 14 Duty to consider contact when making etc. compulsory supervision order

#### *Further provision about orders under section 11(1) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995*

- 15 Clarification of order-making power
- 16 Factors to be considered before making order
- 17 Curators ad litem

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- 18 Duty to consider child's best interests when allowing access to information
- 19 Local authority reporters
- 20 Explanation of decisions to the child
- 21 Duty to ensure availability of child advocacy services
- 22 Failure to obey order

*Alternative dispute resolution*

- 23 Funding for alternative dispute resolution
- 24 Pilot scheme for mandatory alternative dispute resolution meetings

*Children's hearings*

- 25 Opportunity to participate in hearing
- 26 Appeal against relevant person decision
- 27 Appeals to Sheriff Appeal Court and Court of Session

*Miscellaneous provisions*

- 28 Conferral of parental responsibilities and parental rights: births registered outwith UK
- 29 Extension to sheriff of enforcement powers under Family Law Act 1986
- 30 Delay in proceedings likely to prejudice child's welfare

*Final provisions*

- 31 Review of children's ability to participate
- 32 Power to replace descriptions with actual dates
- 33 Ancillary provision
- 34 Commencement
- 35 Short title

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