

# **SCHOOL STANDARDS AND ORGANISATION (WALES) ACT 2013**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 2 - Standards**

##### ***Section 11 – Power of the Welsh Ministers to intervene***

21. This section sets out the circumstances where the powers to intervene in a maintained school may be exercised by the Welsh Ministers. The powers of intervention are set out in sections 12 to 17 of the Act.
22. Where the Welsh Ministers are satisfied that one or more of grounds 1 to 6 exist, and they have complied with the warning notice procedure set out in section 10, they may exercise their powers of intervention. However, if the Welsh Ministers are satisfied one or more of grounds 1 to 6 exist, and also believe there is a related risk to health and safety of any person which calls for urgent action, then the Welsh Ministers do not have to comply with the warning notice procedure before exercising their powers of intervention.
23. In addition the Welsh Ministers may exercise their powers of intervention if they are satisfied grounds 7 or 8 exist (schools found by an inspection to require significant improvement or to be in need of special measures). In this case the Welsh Ministers do not have to comply with the warning notice procedure.