



Learning and Skills Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 21

PART V

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

Other miscellaneous provisions

148 Sex education.

- (1) The ^{M1}Education Act 1996 shall be amended as follows.
- (2) ^{F1}.....
- (3) In section 403 (sex education: manner of provision) in subsection (1) omit “local education authority.”
- (4) After subsection (1) of that section insert—
 - “(1A) The Secretary of State must issue guidance designed to secure that when sex education is given to registered pupils at maintained schools—
 - (a) they learn the nature of marriage and its importance for family life and the bringing up of children, and
 - (b) they are protected from teaching and materials which are inappropriate having regard to the age and the religious and cultural background of the pupils concerned.
 - (1B) In discharging their functions under subsection (1) governing bodies and head teachers must have regard to the Secretary of State’s guidance.
 - (1C) Guidance under subsection (1A) must include guidance about any material which may be produced by NHS bodies for use for the purposes of sex education in schools.
 - (1D) The Secretary of State may at any time revise his guidance under subsection (1A).”

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- (5) In subsection (2) of that section—
- (a) for “subsection (1)” substitute “ this section ”, and
 - (b) at the end insert “and “NHS body” has the same meaning as in section 22 of the National Health Service Act 1977.”
- (6) In section 404 (sex education: statements of policy) after subsection (1) insert—
- “(1A) A statement under subsection (1) must include a statement of the effect of section 405.”

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 148(2) repealed (1.10.2002 except in relation to W. and otherwise 19.12.2002) by [Education Act 2002 \(c. 32\)](#), ss. 215(2), 216, [Sch. 22 Pt. 3](#) (with ss. 210(8), 214(4)); [S.I. 2002/2439](#), [art. 3](#); [S.I. 2002/3185](#), [art. 4](#), [Sch. Pt. 1](#)

Commencement Information

- II** S. 148 wholly in force at 1.4.2001; s. 148 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 154; s. 148 in force for E. at 1.11.2000 by [S.I. 2000/2559](#), [art. 2\(2\)](#), [Sch. Pt. II](#); s. 148 in force for W. at 1.4.2001 by [S.I. 2001/1274](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch. Pt. II](#)

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1996 c. 56.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 3A-3D inserted by [2006 c. 40 s. 75\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 75 repealed (1.4.2010) without ever being in force by 2009 c. 22, Sch. 6 para. 59, Sch. 16 Pt. 2; S.I. 2010/303, art. 3, Sch. 2)
- s. 3A-3D repealed by [2009 c. 22 Sch. 16 Pt. 2](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The insertion of ss. 3A-3D never came into force and the inserting provision 2006 c. 40, s. 75 was repealed (1.4.2010) by 2009 c. 22, Sch. 6 para. 59, Sch. 16 Pt. 2; S.I. 2010/303, art. 3, Sch. 2)
- s. 3D(6) words substituted by [2007 c. 25 Sch. 1 para. 14](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The insertion of ss. 3A-3D never came into force and the inserting provision 2006 c. 40, s. 75 was repealed (1.4.2010) by 2009 c. 22, Sch. 6 para. 59, Sch. 16 Pt. 2; S.I. 2010/303, art. 3, Sch. 2)
- s. 18(9) added by 2009 c. 22 Sch. 2 para. 46(2B) (as modified) (cond.) by [S.I. 2010/1158 Sch. 4 para. 4\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 18 already repealed (1.4.2010) by Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (c. 22), s. 269(4), Sch. 6 para. 35, Sch. 16 Pt. 2; S.I. 2010/303, art. 3, Sch. 2)
- s. 18C(9) added by 2009 c. 22 Sch. 2 para. 46(2C) (as modified) (cond.) by [S.I. 2010/1158 Sch. 4 para. 4\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 18C already repealed (1.4.2010) by Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (c. 22), s. 269(4), Sch. 6 para. 36, 16 Pt. 2; S.I. 2010/303, art. 3, Sch. 2)
- s. 33D(3A) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 14\(6\)](#)
- s. 33E(3A) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 14\(7\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 33G(6) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 14\(8\)](#)
- s. 33I(6) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 14\(9\)](#)
- s. 33L(2A) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 14\(12\)](#)
- s. 33M(1) s. 33M renumbered as s. 33M(1) by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 14\(13\)](#)
- s. 33M(2) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 14\(13\)](#)
- s. 33P(4) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 14\(16\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 33Q(4) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 14\(17\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 99(2A) inserted by [2008 c. 25 s. 160\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 160(2) repealed (1.4.2010) without ever being in force by 2009 c. 22, Sch. 16 Pt. 2; S.I. 2010/303, art. 3, Sch. 2)
- s. 99(2A) repealed by [2009 c. 22 Sch. 6 para. 45\(3\)Sch. 16 Pt. 2](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 99(2A) was never inserted and the inserting provision 2008 c. 25, s. 160(2) was repealed (1.4.2010) without ever being in force by 2009 c. 22, Sch. 16 Pt. 2; S.I. 2010/303, art. 3, Sch. 2)
- s. 125(2)(aa) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 14\(24\)](#)
- s. 138(3)(ca) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 14\(26\)](#)