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PROSPECTIVE

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 3

Minor and consequential amendments

PART 1

Amendments of primary legislation

The Child Abduction (Northern Ireland) Order 1985

4.—(1) Article 3 (offence of abduction of child by parent, etc.) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (2), after sub-paragraph (c) insert—

“(ca) he is a special guardian of the child; or”.

(3) In paragraph (2A), for sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) substitute—

“(a) the person is a person in whose favour there is a residence order in force with respect to the child, and the person takes or sends the child out of the United Kingdom for a period of less than one month; or

(b) the person is a special guardian of the child and takes or sends the child out of the United Kingdom for a period of less than three months.”.

(4) In paragraph (3A)(a)—

(a) omit the “or” at the end of head (i);

(b) after that head insert—

“(ia) who is a special guardian of the child; or”.

(5) In paragraph (5)—

(a) in the definition of “the appropriate consent”, in sub-paragraph (a) after head (iii) insert—

“(iiia) any special guardian of the child;”;

(b) after ““guardian of a child”,” insert ““special guardian”,”.

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- Act applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2018/412, Sch. 3 (as substituted) by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 83](#)