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Part I

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- 1 Any reference to a child or to a young person...
 - 2 Any reference to a court of summary jurisdiction or to...
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- 3—6
 - 7 In section 46(1) for the words “child or young person”,...
 - 8—15
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 - 18 In section 62, for the words “an approved school” there...
 - 19, 20

SCHEDULE 3 — Children’s Panels

Appointment

- 1 The Secretary of State shall appoint such number of members...
- 2 A member of a children’s panel shall hold office for...

Children’s Panel Advisory Committee

- 3 Subject to paragraph 5B below, each local authority shall form a...
- 3A The Secretary of State may, at the request of the...
- 4 The chairman of the Children’s Panel Advisory Committee shall be...
- 5 It shall be the duty of the Children’s Panel Advisory...
- 5A The Children’s Panel Advisory Committee shall have power—
- 5B (1) Two or more local authorities may, for the purpose...

Recruitment and Training of Panel Members

- 6 The Secretary of State may make such arrangements as he...
- 7 Each local authority shall make such arrangements as they consider...

Expenses of Panel Members

- 8 A local authority may pay— (a) to a member or...

SCHEDULE 4 —

SCHEDULE 5 —

SCHEDULE 6 — Transfer of Assets and Liabilities

- 1 Every agreement to which the transferor was a party immediately...
- 2 Where the functions of the transferor are transferred to more...
- 3 Any legal or other proceedings to which the transferor is...
- 4 The Secretary of State may make regulations for facilitating the...
- 5 In this Schedule— (a) “transferor” means a body or person...

SCHEDULE 7 — Transitional Provisions

Registration of existing establishments

- 1 (1) Until the expiration of a period of two years...

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Approved schools

- 2 (1) The following enactments shall, notwithstanding the repeal or exclusion...

Contributions in respect of children taken into care

- 3 After the commencement of Part II of this Act and...

Approved school orders, fit person orders, and supervision orders

- 4 (1) This paragraph applies to children who immediately before the...

Jurisdiction of courts

- 5 (1) Subject to the next following sub-paragraph, on the commencement...
6 On the coming into operation of the said Part III...

Remand Home Grant

- 7 Until such time as the Secretary of State may direct,...

Probation Grant

- 8 Until such time as the Secretary of State may by...

Interpretation

- 9 In this Schedule the following expressions have the meanings assigned...

SCHEDULE 8 — Minor and Consequential Amendments

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Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act 1937

- 6 In section 38(3), for the words “an approved school” there...
7 (1) In section 87(1), for the words from “to an...
8 After section 101(2) there shall be inserted the following subsection—...
9 (1) In section 103(1), for the words “whether charged with...
10 In section 110(1), in the definition of “Child”, for the...

National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1947

- 11 (1) In section 15(1), after paragraph (f) there shall be...
12 In section 27, at the end there shall be added...
13 In section 63, after the words “foregoing section” there shall...

National Assistance Act 1948

- 14 In section 32(1), at the end there shall be inserted...
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16 In section 65, at the end, there shall be added...
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Nurseries and Child-Minders Regulation Act 1948

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Maintenance Orders Act 1950

32	In section 8(1), after the words “the Children Act 1948”...
33	(1) In section 9, in subsection (1), after paragraph (a)...
34	In section 16(2)(b), after sub-paragraph (v) there shall be inserted...
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Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Act 1956

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Adoption Act 1958

37	In section 4(3), paragraph (b) shall be omitted, and after...
38	In section 15(4), for the words “(which provides” there shall...
39	In section 36(2)(a), for the words “or section ninety” to...
40	In section 43(3), after the word “1948” there shall be...
41	In section 57, in the definition of “place of safety”,...

Matrimonial Proceedings (Children) Act 1958

42	In section 10, for subsection (4) there shall be substituted...
43	(1) In section 11(1), for the words “for the purpose”...
44—47
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51—59

Health Visiting and Social Work (Training) Act 1962

60	In section 3(5), after “1948”, insert “or under any re-enactment...
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65—67

Children and Young Persons Act 1963

68	In section 55, the words from “section 88(5)” to “Scottish...
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Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965

73	(1) In section 15, in subsections (1) and (3), for...
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Part II — REPEALS EXTENDING TO ENGLAND AND WALES

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 5(1B) word repealed by [2007 asp 4 Sch. 3](#)
- s. 12(2B) substituted by [2002 c. 41 s. 46\(1\)](#) (This amendment is repealed (prosp.) by 2016 c. 19, Sch. 11 para. 41)
- s. 13A(5) substituted by [2002 c. 41 s. 46\(2\)](#) (This amendment is repealed (prosp.) by 2016 c. 19, Sch. 11 para. 41)
- s. 13B(4) substituted by [2002 c. 41 s. 46\(3\)](#) (This amendment is repealed (prosp.) by 2016 c. 19, Sch. 11 para. 41)
- s. 13ZA(3) expiry of earlier affecting provision 2020 asp 7, sch. 3 para. 11(1)(a) by [2021 asp 19 s. 2\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 3 para. 11(1) expires (29.9.2020) by virtue of Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Act 2021 (asp 19), ss. 2(1)(3), 11(2))
- s. 13ZA(3) modified (temp.) by [2020 asp 7 sch. 3 para. 11\(1\)\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 3 para. 11(1) expires (29.9.2020) by virtue of S.S.I. 2020/249, regs. 1, 2(a)(ii))
- s. 13ZA(4) expiry of earlier affecting provision 2020 asp 7, sch. 3 para. 11(1)(b) by [2021 asp 19 s. 2\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 3 para. 11(1) expires (29.9.2020) by Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Act 2021 (asp 19), ss. 2(1)(3), 11(2))
- s. 13ZA(4) modified (temp.) by [2020 asp 7 sch. 3 para. 11\(1\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 3 para. 11(1) expires (29.9.2020) by virtue of S.S.I. 2020/249, regs. 1, 2(a)(ii))
- s. 27(2) words substituted by [2007 asp 6 Sch. para. 3\(b\)](#)
- s. 44(5) word inserted by [1975 c. 72 Sch. 3 para. 56](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 3 para. 56 repealed (1.4.1997) without ever being in force by 1995 c. 36, s. 105(4)(5), Sch. 4 para. 26(10), Sch. 5 (with s. 103(1)); S.I. 1996/3201, art. 3(7))
- s. 64A(1) word repealed by [2000 asp 4 Sch. 5 para. 10](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 5 para. 10 repealed (1.4.2002) without ever being in force by 2001 asp 8, Sch. 4; S.S.I. 2002/162, art. 2 (with arts. 3-13))
- s. 68(1) words inserted by [2000 asp 4 Sch. 5 para. 11](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 5 para. 11 repealed (1.4.2002) without ever being in force by 2001 asp 8, Sch. 4; S.S.I. 2002/162, art. 2 (with arts. 3-13))
- s. 78(2A) words repealed by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1](#)

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. 29(3)(j) repealed by [2005 asp 3 Sch. 5 para. 1](#)
- s. 61B inserted by [2000 asp 4 s. 36](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 36 repealed (1.4.2002) without ever being in force by 2001 asp 8, Sch. 4; S.S.I. 2002/162, art. 2 (with arts. 3-13))
- s. 62(3)(d) inserted by [2000 asp 4 s. 38\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 38 repealed (1.4.2002) without ever being in force by 2001 asp 8, Sch. 4; S.S.I. 2002/162, art. 2 (with arts. 3-13))
- s. 64A(1)(e) and word inserted by [2000 asp 4 Sch. 5 para. 10](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 5 para. 10 repealed (1.4.2002) without ever being in force by 2001 asp 8, Sch. 4; S.S.I. 2002/162, art. 2 (with arts. 3-13))

– s. 87A inserted by [2007 asp 10 s. 66](#)