



Adoption Act 1976

1976 CHAPTER 36

PART I

THE ADOPTION SERVICE

Welfare of children

^{F16} Duty to promote welfare of child.

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Textual Amendments

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^{F17} Religious upbringing of adopted child.

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Changes to legislation:

Adoption Act 1976, Cross Heading: Welfare of children is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 25 September 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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

- Blanket Amendment words substituted by [2005 c. 4 Sch. 11 para. 1\(2\)](#) (Amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The relevant references were repealed before the amendment came into force.)

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

- s. 3(6A)(6B) inserted by [1999 c. 18 s. 10](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 10 repealed (30.4.2003 for W., 1.6.2003 for E.) without ever being in force by 2000 c. 14, ss. 117(2), 122, Sch. 6; S.I. 2003/501, art. 2(3)(b); S.I. 2003/365, art. 3(6)(a))
- s. 13(4) inserted by [1999 c. 18 s. 11](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 11 ceases to have effect (E.W.) (30.12.2005) by virtue of 2002 c. 38, ss. 139, 148(1), Sch. 3 para. 95 (with Sch. 4 paras. 6-8); S.I. 2005/2213, art. 2(o))
- s. 52(1)(c) power to extend conferred by [2002 c. 38 Sch. 4 para. 16\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 52(1A) inserted by [2002 c. 38 Sch. 4 para. 15\(a\)](#)
- s. 56(4)-(6) inserted by [2002 c. 38 Sch. 4 para. 11\(b\)](#)