



Child Abduction Act 1984

1984 CHAPTER 37

PART I

OFFENCES UNDER LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES

3 Construction of references to taking, sending and detaining.

For the purposes of this Part of this Act—

- (a) a person shall be regarded as taking a child if he causes or induces the child to accompany him or any other person or causes the child to be taken;
- (b) a person shall be regarded as sending a child if he causes the child to be sent;^{F1} . . .
- (c) a person shall be regarded as detaining a child if he causes the child to be detained or induces the child to remain with him or any other person. [^{F2}and
- (d) references to a child's parents and to a child whose parents were (or were not) married to^{F3}, or civil partners of,] each other at the time of his birth shall be construed in accordance with section 1 of the Family Law Reform Act 1987 (which extends their meaning).]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 3(b) repealed (14.10.1991) by [Children Act 1989 \(c. 41, SIF 20\)](#), s. 108(7), [Sch.15](#) (with [Sch. 14 paras. 1\(1\), 27\(4\)](#)); S.I. 1991/828, [art. 3\(2\)](#)
- F2** S. 3(d) and the word “and” immediately preceding it added (14.10.1991) by [Children Act 1989 \(c. 41, SIF 20\)](#), s. 108(4), [Sch. 12 para.39](#) (with [Sch. 14 para. 14\(1\)](#)); S.I. 1991/828, [art. 3\(2\)](#)
- F3** Words in s. 3(d) inserted (2.12.2019) by [The Civil Partnership \(Opposite-sex Couples\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1458\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3 para. 9\(c\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Child Abduction Act 1984, Section 3.