

*These notes refer to the Education Act 2002 (c.32)  
which received Royal Assent on 24 July 2002*

# **EDUCATION ACT 2002**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS AND SCHEDULES**

#### **Part 11 – Miscellaneous and General**

#### **Other provisions relating only to Wales**

#### ***Section 197: Partnership agreements and statements***

382. This section enables the NAW to make regulations requiring any LEA in Wales to enter into a partnership agreement with the governing body of any school maintained by that authority. A partnership agreement will set out how an LEA and a governing body will carry out their functions in relation to a school.
383. The regulations may, for example, require the agreements to cover the procedures to establish agreed common objectives for pupils' educational progress; the actions which the LEA will take to promote high standards in schools; the actions to be taken to support transition for pupils moving from a maintained primary school to a maintained secondary school.
384. If no agreement can be reached the LEA has the power to draw up a statement covering how it and the governing body are to discharge their functions. Both the LEA and governing body are under a duty to have regard to the agreement (or the LEA's statement) in carrying out their functions.