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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2001 No. 2874**

**The Children (Leaving Care) (England) Regulations 2001**

**Support and accommodation**

**11.**—(1) For the purposes of section 23B(8)(c) (support for relevant children), the responsible local authority must provide assistance in order to meet the child's needs in relation to education, training or employment as provided for in his pathway plan.

- (2) For the purposes of section 23B(10), “suitable accommodation” means accommodation—
- (a) which so far as reasonably practicable is suitable for the child in the light of his needs, including his health needs and any needs arising from any disability;
  - (b) in respect of which the responsible authority has satisfied itself as to the character and suitability of the landlord or other provider; and
  - (c) in respect of which the responsible authority has so far as reasonably practicable taken into account the child's—
    - (i) wishes and feelings; and
    - (ii) education, training or employment needs.
- (3) For the purposes of section 24B(5) (provision of vacation accommodation)—
- (a) “higher education” means education provided by means of a course of a description referred to in regulations made under section 22 of the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998<sup>(1)</sup>;
  - (b) “further education” has the same meaning as in the Education Act 1996<sup>(2)</sup> save that for the purposes of this regulation it only includes further education which is provided on a full-time residential basis.

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<sup>(1)</sup> 1998 c. 30. Currently the relevant regulations are the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2000 (S.I. 2000/1121).

<sup>(2)</sup> 1996 c. 56. The definition of further education is in section 2(3).