

# HIGHER EDUCATION (WALES) ACT 2015

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS OF THE ACT

#### **Part 2 – Fee and Access Plans**

#### ***Section 15 – HEFCW’s duty to monitor and evaluate compliance and effectiveness***

43. This section requires HEFCW to monitor regulated institutions’ compliance with section 10(1) (the requirement to ensure that regulated course fees do not exceed the applicable fee limit). HEFCW are also required to monitor regulated institutions’ compliance with the general requirements of their plans. (See section 6(7) for the meaning of “general requirements”.) HEFCW need to monitor institutions’ compliance with both section 10(1) and the general requirements of approved plans in order to exercise their functions under sections 11, 37 and 39.
44. This section also requires HEFCW to evaluate the effectiveness of each plan, and plans generally, in promoting equality of opportunity in connection with access to higher education and promoting higher education. HEFCW needs to evaluate the effectiveness of approved plans in order to exercise their function of giving good practice information and advice under section 54.