



# Education Act 1996

## 1996 CHAPTER 56

### PART III

#### GRANT-MAINTAINED SCHOOLS

### CHAPTER X

#### GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS

#### *Appeal committees*

#### **308 Duties of governing body in relation to appeal committees**

- (1) This section applies to any governing body of a grant-maintained school who are required by the articles of government for the school to make arrangements for appeals to such an appeal committee as is mentioned in paragraph 6(1) of Schedule 23 (appeals against decisions on admissions or exclusions).
- (2) The Secretary of State may by regulations require any governing body to which this section applies—
  - (a) to advertise, in such manner and at such times as may be prescribed, for persons eligible to be lay members of any appeal committee required to be constituted for the purposes of arrangements made by that body to apply to the body for appointment as such members; and
  - (b) in appointing persons as such members, to consider any persons eligible to be so appointed who have applied to the body in response to an advertisement placed in pursuance of paragraph (a).
- (3) A governing body to which this section applies shall indemnify the members of any appeal committee required to be constituted for the purposes of arrangements made by that body against any reasonable legal costs and expenses reasonably incurred by those members in connection with any decision or action taken by them in good faith in pursuance of their functions as members of that committee.