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PART IV

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

CHAPTER II

SCHOOLS PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

Grouping of grant-maintained special schools

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- (1) Regulations may modify the provisions of Chapter IX of Part III (groups of grant-maintained schools) for the purpose of securing that—
 - (a) two or more grant-maintained special schools, or one or more grant-maintained special schools together with one or more grant-maintained schools, may be conducted as a group by a single governing body,
 - (b) a special school maintained by a local education authority may cease to be so maintained and may be conducted by a governing body incorporated under that Chapter, and
 - (c) a grant-maintained special school may become a member of a group of schools conducted by such a governing body,and that, where a group of schools including one or more special schools is conducted by such a governing body, the governing body are appropriately constituted.
- (2) Regulations made for the purpose mentioned in subsection (1) may modify sections 338 to 342 and Schedule 28.
- (3) Where that Chapter applies to special schools by virtue of regulations—
 - (a) section 183(1) shall not be read as applying to such schools,

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- (b) a special school conducted by a governing body incorporated under that Chapter shall be known as a grant-maintained special school, and
- (c) in Chapter II of Part I of the School Inspections Act 1996 (procedure for school inspections) references to a group of grant-maintained schools include a group of one or more grant-maintained special schools together with one or more grant-maintained schools.