



# Health and Care Act 2022

## 2022 CHAPTER 31

### PART 6

#### MISCELLANEOUS

##### *Disputes about treatment of critically ill children*

#### **177 Review into disputes relating to treatment of critically ill children**

- (1) The Secretary of State must arrange for the carrying out of a review into the causes of disputes between (on the one hand) persons with parental responsibility for a critically ill child and (on the other) persons responsible for the provision of care or medical treatment for the child as part of the health service in England.
- (2) The Secretary of State must publish and lay before Parliament a report on the outcome of the review, within one year beginning with the date on which this section comes into force.
- (3) In this section—
  - “child” means a person aged under 18;
  - “health service in England” means the health service continued under section 1(1) of the National Health Service Act 2006;
  - “parental responsibility” has the meaning given by section 3 of the Children Act 1989.