WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2001 No. 2191 (W.153) (C.71)

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS, WALES

The Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000 (Commencement) (Wales) Order 2001

Made - - - 12th June 2001

The National Assembly for Wales in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 8(2) and (3) (c) of the Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000(1) hereby makes the following Order:

Citation, interpretation and application

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000 (Commencement) (Wales) Order 2001.
 - (2) In this Order "the Act" means the Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000.
 - (3) This Order applies to Wales.

Appointed Day

2. 1st October 2001 is the day appointed for the coming into force of sections 1 to 3, 4 (except so far as subsection (2) of section 24C of the Children Act 1989 relates to Primary Care Trusts), 5 and 7(1) to (4) of the Act.

Signed on behalf of the National Assembly for Wales under section 66(1) of the Government of Wales Act 1998(2)

D. Elis-Thomas
The Presiding Officer of the National Assembly
for Wales

12th June 2001

^{(1) 2000} c. 35.

^{(2) 1998} c. 38.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order brings into force on 1st October 2001 in relation to Wales certain provisions of the Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000 ("the Act").

It brings into force sections 1 to 5 of the Act which insert provisions into the Children Act 1989 providing for new powers and duties for social services authorities. The provisions relate to certain categories of young people and children aged 16 and over who are or have been looked after by those authorities. The provisions cover assessment of needs, preparation and review of plans, maintaining contact and providing support and advice to such children and young people and as to the consideration of representations (including complaints) by them. They also impose duties on other organisations to inform local authorities when certain children have ceased to be accommodated by them. The commencement of parts of section 7 relates to technical amendments of the 1989 Act.