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- 15 In section 29 (return of child taken away in breach...
- 16 (1) In section 30 (return of children placed for adoption...
- 17 (1) In section 31 (application of section 30 where child...
- 18 (1) In section 32 (meaning of "protected child"), in subsection...
- 19 (1) In section 35 (notices and information to be given...
- 20 (1) In section 51 (disclosure of birth records of adopted...
- 21 After section 51 there shall be inserted— Adoption Contact Register....
- 22 (1) In section 55 (adoption of children abroad), in subsection...
- 23 (1) In section 56 (restriction on removal of children for...
- 24 (1) In section 57 (prohibition on certain payments) in subsection...
- 25 After section 57 there shall be inserted—Permitted allowances. (1) The Secretary of State may make regulations for the...
- 26 (1) In section 59 (effect of determination and orders made...
- 27 In section 60 (evidence of adoption in Scotland and Northern...
- 28 In section 62(5)(b) (courts), for the words from "section 8"...
- 29 After section 65 (guardians ad litem and reporting officers) there...
- 30 (1) Section 72(1) (interpretation) shall be amended as follows.
- 31 For section 74(3) and (4) (extent) there shall be substituted—...

Part II — AMENDMENTS OF ADOPTION (SCOTLAND) ACT 1978 (C. 28)

- 32 In section 11 (restrictions on arranging of adoptions and placing...
- 33 For section 14(1) (adoption by married couple) there shall be...
- 34 In section 16(1)(a) (parental agreement) for the words from "in...
- 35 In section 18(5) (effect of order freeing child for adoption)...
- 36 In section 20(3)(c) (revocation of section 18 order) the words...
- 37 For section 21 (transfer of parental rights and duties between...
- In section 22(4) (notification to local authority of adoption application)...
- 39 In section 29 (return of child taken away in breach...
- 40 In section 32 (meaning of "protected child"), at the end...
- 41 In section 45 (adopted children register)— (a) for the words...
- 42 In section 49 (adoption of children abroad)—
- 43 In section 50(1) (restriction on removal of children for adoption...
- 44 In section 53(1) (effect of determination and orders made in...
- 45 In section 54(b) (evidence of adoption in Northern Ireland) for...
- 46 In section 65(1) (interpretation)— (a) in the definition of "adoption...

SCHEDULE 11 — Jurisdiction Part I — GENERAL

Commencement of proceedings

(1) The Lord Chancellor may by order specify proceedings under...

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Transfer of proceedings

2 (1) The Lord Chancellor may by order provide that in...

Hearings by single justice

3 (1) In such circumstances as the Lord Chancellor may by...

General

4 (1) For the purposes of this Schedule—
Part II — CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

The Administration of Justice Act 1964 (c. 42)

In section 38 of the Administration of Justice Act 1964...

The Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Act 1978 (c. 22)

6 In the Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Act 1978—

The Justices of the Peace Act 1979 (c. 55)

7 In the Justices of the Peace Act 1979—

The Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (c. 43)

8 In the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980— (a) in section 65(1)...

The Supreme Court Act 1981 (c. 54)

9 In paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 to the Supreme Court...

The Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984 (c. 42)

10 In section 44 of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act...

The Insolvency Act 1986 (c. 45)

11 (1) In section 281(5)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (discharge...

SCHEDULE 12 — Minor Amendments

The Custody of Children Act 1891 (c. 3)

1 The Custody of Children Act 1891 (which contains miscellaneous obsolete...

The Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (c. 12)

- 2 In section 1(2)(a) of the Children and Young Persons Act...
- 3 Section 40 of that Act shall cease to have effect....

The Education Act 1944 (c. 31)

The Marriage Act 1949 (c. 76)

5 (1) In section 3 of the Marriage Act 1949 (consent...

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	The Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953 (c. 20)
6	(1) Sections 10 and 10A of the Births and Deaths
	The Army Act 1955 (c. 18)
7	In section 151 of the Army Act 1955 (deductions from
8	
	The Air Force Act 1955 (c. 19)
9	Section 151(1A) of the Air Force Act 1955 (deductions from
10	
	The Sexual Offences Act 1956 (c. 69)
11 12 13 14 15 16	In section 19(3) of the Sexual Offences Act 1956 (abduction In section 20(2) of that Act (abduction of unmarried girl In section 21(3) of that Act (abduction of defective from In section 28 of that Act (causing or encouraging prostitution Section 38 of that Act (power of court to divest (1) In section 43 of that Act (power to search After section 46 of that Act there shall be inserted—
	The Naval Discipline Act 1957 (c. 53)
18	
	The Children and Young Persons Act 1963 (c. 37)
19	Section 3 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1963
	The Children and Young Persons Act 1969 (c. 54)
20	In section 5 of the Children and Young Persons Act
21 22 23 24 25	In section 12A of that Act (young offenders) for subsections After that section there shall be inserted— Requirement for young
26 27 28 29 30	For section 23 of that Act (remand to care of (1) In section 32 of that Act (detention of absentees), In section 34(1) of that Act (transitional modifications of Part In section 70(1) of that Act (interpretation)— In section 73 of that Act (extent, etc.)—
	The Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 (c. 18)
31 32 33	For section 41 of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 (restrictions In section 42 of that Act, subsection (3) (declaration by In section 52(1) of that Act (interpretation), in the definition
	The National Health Service Act 1977 (c. 49)

In Schedule 8 to the National Health Service Act 1977...

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	The Child Care Act 1980 (c. 5)	
35	Until the repeal of the Child Care Act 1980 by	
	The Education Act 1981 (c. 60)	
36		
	The Child Abduction Act 1984 (c. 37)	
37 38 39 40	 Section 1 of the Child Abduction Act 1984 (offence In section 2 of that Act (offence of abduction At the end of section 3 of that Act (construction The Schedule to that Act (modifications of section 1 	
	The Foster Children (Scotland) Act 1984 (c. 56)	
41 42 43	In section 1 of the Foster Children (Scotland) Act 1984 In section 2(2) of that Act (exceptions to section 1), In section 7(1) of that Act (persons disqualified from keeping	
The Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and Representation) Act 1986 (c. 33)		
44	In section 2(5) of the Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and	
	The Legal Aid Act 1988 (c. 34)	
45	In paragraph 2 of Part I of Schedule 2 to	
SCHEDULE 13 — Consequential Amendments		
	The Wills Act 1837 (c. 26)	
1	In section 1 of the Wills Act 1837 (interpretation), in	
	The Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (c. 12)	
2 3	In section 1(1) of the Children and Young Persons Act In the following sections of that Act—	
4 5 6 7	For section 17 of that Act (interpretation of Part I) (1) In section 34 of that Act (attendance at court In section 107(1) of that Act (interpretation)—	
	The Education Act 1944 (c. 31)	
8 9 10		
	The National Assistance Act 1948 (c. 29)	
11	(1) In section 21(1)(a) of the National Assistance Act 1948	
The	Reserve and Auxiliary Forces (Protection of Civil Interests) Act 1951 (c. 65)	

For section 2(1)(d) of the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces (Protection...

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	The Mines and Quarries Act 1954 (c. 70)
13	
	The Administration of Justice Act 1960 (c. 65)
14	In section 12 of the Administration of Justice Act 1960
	The Factories Act 1961 (c. 34)
15	In section 176(1) of the Factories Act 1961 (interpretation), in
	The Criminal Justice Act 1967 (c. 80)
16	In section 67(1A)(c) of the Criminal Justice Act 1967 (computation
	The Health Services and Public Health Act 1968 (c. 46)
17	(1) In section 64(3)(a) of the Health Services and Public
	The Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (c. 49)
18 19 20 21 22 23	In section 2(2) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 In section 5(2)(c) of that Act (power of Secretary of In section 21(3) of that Act (mode of provision of In section 74(6) of that Act (parent of child in In section 75(2) of that Act (parent of child subject In section 86(3) of that Act (meaning of ordinary residence
	The Civil Evidence Act 1968 (c. 64)
24	
	The Administration of Justice Act 1970 (c. 31)
25	
	The Local Authority Social Services Act 1970 (c. 42)
26	(1) In Schedule 1 to the Local Authority Social Services
27	The Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 (c. 44) After section 28 of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons
	The Courts Act 1971 (c. 23)
28	In Part I of Schedule 9 to the Courts Act
	The Attachment of Earnings Act 1971 (c. 32)
29	In Schedule 1 to the Attachment of Earnings Act 1971
	The Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1971 (c. 62)
30	
	The Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70)
31	(1) In section 102(1) of the Local Government Act 1972

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The Employment of Children Act 1973 (c. 24) 32 (1) In section 2 of the Employment of Children Act... The Domicile and Matrimonial Proceedings Act 1973 (c. 45) 33 (1) In Schedule 1 to the Domicile and Matrimonial Proceedings... The Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973 (c. 62) 34 The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (c. 53) (1) Section 7(2) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974... 35 The Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Act 1978 (c. 22) 36 For section 8 of the Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts... 37 In section 19(3A)(b) (interim orders) for the words "subsections (2)... 38 For section 20(12) of that Act (variation and revocation of... 39 (1) For section 20A of that Act (revival of orders... 40 41 (1) In section 25 of that Act (effect on certain... 42 In section 29(5) of that Act (appeals) for the words... 43 In section 88(1) of that Act (interpretation)— The Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (c. 43) (1) In section 59(2) of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980... 44 The Supreme Court Act 1981 (c. 54) (1) In section 18 of the Supreme Court Act 1981... 45 The Armed Forces Act 1981 (c. 55) In section 14 of the Armed Forces Act 1981 (temporary... 46 The Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982 (c. 27) 47 In paragraph 5(a) of Schedule 5 to the Civil Jurisdiction... The Mental Health Act 1983 (c. 20) 48 (1) For section 27 of the Mental Health Act 1983... The Registered Homes Act 1984 (c. 23) 49 (1) In section 1(5) of the Registered Homes Act 1984... The Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984 (c. 36) For section 54 of the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984... The Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984 (c. 42) In section 38(2)(b) of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act... 51

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The Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (c. 60)

- 52 In section 37(14) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act...
- 53 (1) In section 38 of that Act (duties of custody...
- 54 In section 39(4) of that Act (responsibilities in relation to...
- 55 In Schedule 2 to that Act (preserved powers of arrest)...

The Surrogacy Arrangements Act 1985 (c. 49)

56 In section 1(2)(b) of the Surrogacy Arrangements Act 1985 (meaning...

The Child Abduction and Custody Act 1985 (c. 60)

57 (1) In section 9(a) and 20(2)(a) of the Child Abduction...

The Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and Representation) Act 1986 (c. 33)

- 58 In section 1(3) of the Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and...
- 59 (1) Section 2 of that Act (circumstances in which authorised...
- 60 In section 5(7)(b) of that Act (disabled persons leaving special...
- 61 (1) In section 16 of that Act (interpretation) in the...

The Family Law Act 1986 (c. 55)

- 62 (1) The Family Law Act 1986 shall be amended as...
- 63 (1) In section 1 (orders to which Part I of...
- 64 For section 2 there shall be substituted the following sections—...
- 65 (1) In section 3 (habitual residence or presence of child...
- 66 (1) In section 6 (duration and variation of Part I...
- 67 For section 7 (interpretation of Chapter II) there shall be...
- 68 In each of the following sections—(a) section 11(2)(a) (provisions...
- 69 In each of the following sections—(a) section 19(2) (jurisdiction...
- 70 In section 34(3) (power to order recovery of child) for...
- 71 (1) In section 42 (general interpretation of Part I), in...

The Local Government Act 1988 (c. 9)

72 In Schedule 1 to the Local Government Act 1988 (competition)...

Amendments of local Acts

- 73 (1) Section 16 of the Greater London Council (General Powers)...
- 74 (1) Section 10(2) of the Greater London Council (General Powers)...

SCHEDULE 14 — Transitionals and Savings

Pending proceedings, etc.

- 1 (1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (1A) and (4), nothing in any...
- Where, immediately before the day on which Part IV comes...

CUSTODY ORDERS. ETC.

Cessation of declarations of unfitness, etc.

Where, immediately before the day on which Parts I and...

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The Family Law Reform Act 1987 (c. 42)

Conversion of orders under section 4

4 Where, immediately before the day on which Parts I and...

Orders to which paragraphs 6 to 11 apply

5 (1) In paragraphs 6 to 11 "an existing order" means...

Parental responsibility of parents

6 (1) Where— (a) a child's father and mother were married...

Persons who are not parents but who have custody or care and control

7 (1) Where a person who is not the parent or...

Persons who have care and control

8 (1) Sub-paragraphs (2) to (6) apply where a person has...

Persons who have access

9 (1) Sub-paragraphs (2) to (4) apply where a person has...

Enforcement of certain existing orders

10 (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies in relation to any existing order...

Discharge of existing orders

11 (1) The making of a residence order or a care...

GUARDIANS

Existing guardians to be guardians under this Act

12 (1) Any appointment of a person as guardian of a...

Appointment of guardian not yet in effect

13 Any appointment of a person to be a guardian of...

Persons deemed to be appointed as guardians under existing wills

14 For the purposes of the Wills Act 1837 and of...

CHILDREN IN CARE

Children in compulsory care

15 (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where, immediately before the day on...

Modifications

16 (1) Sub-paragraph (2) only applies where a person who is...

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Cessation of wardship where ward in care

16A (-) Where a child who is a ward of court...

Children placed with parent etc. while in compulsory care

17 (1) This paragraph applies where a child is deemed by...

Orders for access to children in compulsory care

- 18 (1) This paragraph applies to any access order—
- 18A (1) This paragraph applies to any decision of a local...
 - 19 (1) This paragraph applies where, immediately before the commencement of...

Children in voluntary care

20 (1) This paragraph applies where, immediately before the day on...

Boarded out children

21 (1) Where, immediately before the day on which Part III...

Children in care to qualify for advice and assistance

22 Any reference in Part III to a person qualifying for...

Emigration of children in care

23 Where— (a) the Secretary of State has received a request...

Contributions for maintenance of children in care

24 (1) Where, immediately before the day on which Part III...

SUPERVISION ORDERS

25 (1) This paragraph applies to any supervision order—

Other supervision orders

26 (1) This paragraph applies to any order for the supervision...

PLACE OF SAFETY ORDERS

27 (1) This paragraph applies to— (a) any order or warrant...

Recovery of children

- 28 The repeal by this Act of subsection (1) of section...
- 29 (1) This paragraph applies where— (a) a summons has been...
- The amendment by paragraph 27 of Schedule 12 of section...

Voluntary organisations: Parental rights resolutions

31 (1) This paragraph applies to a resolution—

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Foster children

32 (1) This paragraph applies where— (a) immediately before the commencement...

Nurseries and child minding

- 33 (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where, immediately before the commencement of...
- 34 (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where, immediately before the commencement of...

Children accommodated in certain establishments

35 In calculating, for the purposes of section 85(1)(a) or 86(1)(a),...

Criminal care orders

36 (1) This paragraph applies where, immediately before the commencement of...

MISCELLANEOUS

Consents under the Marriage Act 1949 (c. 76)

37 (1) In the circumstances mentioned in sub-paragraph (2), section 3...

The Children Act 1975 (c. 72)

38 The amendments of other enactments made by the following provisions...

The Child Care Act 1980 (c. 5)

39 The amendment made to section 106(2)(a) of the Children and...

Legal aid

40 The Lord Chancellor may by order make such transitional and...

SCHEDULE 15 — Repeals

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