



# Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1996

## 1996 CHAPTER 22

### PART I

#### SCHEDULED OFFENCES

##### *Preliminary inquiries, bail and young persons in custody*

#### **6 Holding in custody of young persons charged with scheduled offences**

- (1) Where a young person charged with a scheduled offence has been remanded or committed for trial as respects that offence and is not released on bail, he may—
  - (a) notwithstanding the provisions of any enactment, and
  - (b) whether or not he was remanded or committed for trial at a time when this section was not in force,be held in custody in such prison or other place as may be specified in a direction given by the Secretary of State under this section.
- (2) The Secretary of State may give a direction in respect of a person to whom this section applies if he considers that it is necessary, in order to prevent his escape or to ensure his safety or the safety of others, to make special arrangements as to the place at which that person is to be held in custody while on remand or while committed for trial.
- (3) A direction may be given by the Secretary of State at any time after the young person to whom it relates has been charged with a scheduled offence, and may be varied or revoked by a further direction.
- (4) In this section “young person” means a person who has attained the age of fourteen and is under the age of seventeen.