



# Education Act 1996

## 1996 CHAPTER 56

### PART I

#### GENERAL

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#### THE STATUTORY SYSTEM OF EDUCATION

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#### **1 The stages of education.**

- (1) The statutory system of public education consists of three progressive stages: primary education, secondary education and further education.
- (2) This Part—
  - (a) confers functions on the Secretary of State and local education authorities with respect to primary, secondary and further education; and
  - (b) provides for functions with respect to primary and secondary education to be conferred on the funding authorities constituted under Chapter IV.
- (3) Part I of the <sup>M1</sup>Further and Higher Education Act 1992 confers functions with respect to further education on the further education funding councils established under section 1 of that Act.
- (4) Apart from section 10 (general duty of Secretary of State), nothing in this Act confers any functions with respect to higher education.

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#### **Marginal Citations**

**M1** 1992 c. 13.

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 10/01/1997. This version of this provision has been superseded.

**Changes to legislation:**

Education Act 1996, Section 1 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 15 July 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.