



Education Act 1996

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PART I

GENERAL

CHAPTER III

[^{F1}LOCAL AUTHORITIES]

General functions

[^{F1}14A Duty of [^{F2}local authority] to consider parental representations

- (1) Where a [^{F2}local authority] in England receive any representation from a parent of a qualifying child as to the exercise by the authority of their functions under section 14, the authority shall—
 - (a) consider the representation and what action (if any) to take in response to it, and
 - (b) within a reasonable time provide the parent with a statement setting out—
 - (i) any action which the authority propose to take in response to the representation, or
 - (ii) where the authority are of the opinion that no such action is necessary, their reasons for being of that opinion.
- (2) In subsection (1) “qualifying child”, in relation to a [^{F2}local authority], means any child in the authority's area who is of or under compulsory school age.
- (3) Subsection (1) does not apply in relation to any representation which—
 - (a) appears to the [^{F2}local authority] to be frivolous or vexatious, or
 - (b) is the same as, or similar to, a representation previously received by the authority from the same person.

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- (4) In exercising their functions under this section, a [F²local authority] must have regard to any guidance given from time to time by the Secretary of State.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 14A inserted (25.5.2007) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), **ss. 3**, 188(3); S.I. 2007/935, art. 7(a)
- F2** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **Sch. 2 para. 7(2)** (with Sch. 2 para. 7(4)(5))

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