



# Children Act 2004

## 2004 CHAPTER 31

### PART 2

#### CHILDREN'S SERVICES IN ENGLAND

##### *General*

#### **[<sup>F1</sup>9A Targets for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children**

- (1) The Secretary of State may, in accordance with regulations, set safeguarding targets for a [<sup>F2</sup>local authority] in England.
- (2) The regulations may, in particular—
  - (a) make provision about matters by reference to which safeguarding targets may, or must, be set;
  - (b) make provision about periods to which safeguarding targets may, or must, relate;
  - (c) make provision about the procedure for setting safeguarding targets;
  - (d) specify requirements with which a [<sup>F2</sup>local authority] in England must comply in connection with the setting of safeguarding targets.
- (3) In exercising their functions, a [<sup>F2</sup>local authority] in England must act in the manner best calculated to secure that any safeguarding targets set under this section (so far as relating to the area of the authority) are met.
- (4) “Safeguarding targets”, in relation to a [<sup>F2</sup>local authority] in England, are targets for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the authority's area.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** S. 9A inserted (12.1.2010) by [Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 195(1), 269**; S.I. 2009/3317, **art. 2**, Sch.

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**F2** Words in Pt. 2 substituted (5.5.2010) by The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities (Integration of Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/1158), arts. 1, 5(1), **Sch. 2 para. 55(2)**

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