



Education Act 1944

CHAPTER 31

EDUCATION ACT 1944

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- 3 An order constituting a joint education board:—
- 4 An order constituting a joint education board shall be laid...
- 5 This Part of this Schedule applies to the council of...

Part II — EDUCATION COMMITTEES

- 1 Every local education authority shall, in accordance with arrangements approved...
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- 3 Where it appears to the Secretary of State for Education...
- 4 In the following provisions of this Part of this Schedule...
- 5 Every education committee of a local education authority shall include...
- 5A (1) The Secretary of State may by directions to local...
- 6 At least a majority of every education committee of a...
- 7 Every local education authority shall consider a report from an...
- 8 A local education authority may authorise an education committee of...

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- 9 The minutes of proceedings of an education committee of the...
- 10 Every education committee of a local education authority may, subject...
- 11 Nothing in this Part of this Schedule shall require the...
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- 1 A local education authority and the . . . governors...
- 2 No such agreement shall take effect unless it has been...
- 3 The Secretary of State for Education and Science shall not...
- 4 Before approving any such agreement, the Secretary of State for...
- 5 An agreement under this Schedule may provide for the transfer...
- 6 Where any agreement made under this Schedule has been approved...
- 7 Where any person other than the . . . governors...
- 8 In this Schedule, the expression “premises” includes a teacher’s dwelling-house....

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- 1 Where proposals for the establishment of a school or for...
- 2 If upon the application of any persons interested in any...
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- 4 Any such agreement shall provide for the making of a...
- 5 The amount of the grant to be made in pursuance...
- 6 Where the agreement relates to proposals for the establishment of...
- 7 Any agreement made under this Schedule may provide for the...
- 8 Any agreement made by a local education authority under this...
- 9 Where a grant has been made in respect of any...
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- 1 For the purpose of preparing any syllabus of religious education...
- 2 For the purpose of constituting such a conference as aforesaid,...
- 3 Before appointing a person to represent any denomination or associations...
- 4 A person so appointed may resign his membership of any...
- 5 The conference shall consist of the committees aforesaid and it...
- 6 Where the local education authority propose to adopt more than...
- 7 Any sub-committees appointed by the conference shall include at least...
- 8 Upon any question to be decided by the conference or...
- 9 If the conference unanimously recommend any syllabus of religious education,...
- 10 If the authority report to the Secretary of State that...
- 11 The body of persons so appointed:— (a) shall give to...

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- 12 Whenever a local education authority are of opinion (whether upon...
- 13 (1) The following provisions of this paragraph apply where a...

SIXTH SCHEDULE — CONSTITUTION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS
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- 1 For the purpose of enabling Independent Schools Tribunals to be...
- 2 No person shall be qualified to be appointed to the...
- 3 Any person appointed to be a member of either of...
- 3A No appointment of a person to be a member of...
- 4 Where any appeal is required to be determined by an...

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