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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2001 No. 2874**

**The Children (Leaving Care) (England) Regulations 2001**

**Eligible children**

3.—(1) For the purposes of paragraph 19B(2)(b) of Schedule 2 to the Act, the prescribed period is 13 weeks and the prescribed age is 14.

(2) A child falling within paragraph (3) is not an eligible child despite falling within paragraph 19B(2) of Schedule 2 to the Act.

(3) A child falls within this paragraph if he has been looked after by a local authority in circumstances where—

- (a) the local authority has arranged to place him in a pre-planned series of short-term placements, none of which individually exceeds four weeks (even though they may amount in all to the prescribed period); and
- (b) at the end of each such placement the child returns to the care of his parent, or a person who is not a parent but who has parental responsibility for him.