

*These notes refer to the Child Maintenance Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (c.10) which received Royal Assent on 2 July 2008*

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 1: Additional functions of the Department**

##### *Section 1: Promotion of child maintenance*

This section places a duty on the Department to take such steps as it considers appropriate to raise awareness among parents of the importance of taking responsibility for the maintenance of their children and if they live apart, making appropriate maintenance arrangements.