#### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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## The Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 F1

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# THE EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1986

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Controlled primary schools (other than nursery or integrated schools)

2. There shall be 9, 16 or 24 voting members appointed to the Board of Governors

Controlled secondary schools (other than controlled grammar or integrated schools or technical secondary schools)

3. There shall be 9, 16 or 24 voting members appointed to the Board of Governors

Controlled grammar schools (other than controlled integrated grammar schools), controlled nursery schools (other than controlled integrated nursery schools) and special schools

4. There shall be 8, 16 or 24 voting members appointed to the Board of Governors

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5. There shall be 14 or 21 voting members appointed to the Board of Governors of

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- The trustees of a maintained school shall, notwithstanding anything in any instrument of government of
- Where this paragraph applies in relation to the membership of the Board of 2. Governors of
- Where this paragraph applies in relation to the membership of the Board of Governors of
- The coming into force, or termination, of any agreement under paragraph 1 and any consequential
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- 7. In this Schedule—

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- The trustees of a voluntary grammar school shall, notwithstanding anything in any instrument of government
- The trustees of a voluntary grammar school in relation to which an 2. agreement is in
- Where an agreement under paragraph 1(1)(a) is in force in relation to a 3. school, paragraph
- 4. Where this paragraph applies in relation to the membership of the Board of
- 5. Where this paragraph applies in relation to the membership of the Board of Governors of
- The coming into force, or termination, of any agreement under paragraph 1(1) and any consequential
- 7. In this Schedule "assistant teacher" has the meaning assigned to it by paragraph 7 of

## SCHEDULE 7 — MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF VOLUNTARY GRAMMAR SCHOOL NOT ENTERING INTO AGREEMENT WITH DEPARTMENT OR BOARD

- Nothwithstanding anything in any instrument of government of a voluntary grammar school
- The Board of Governors of the school shall consist of—
- In this Schedule "assistant teacher" has the meaning assigned to it by paragraph 7 of
  - Schedule 8 rep. by 1996 NI 1

#### SCHEDULE 9 — TRANSFER OF VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS TO DEPARTMENT

- 1. An arrangement for transferring a school to the Department under Article 17 may, subject to
- An arrangement under this Schedule may provide for an absolute conveyance to the Department of

- 3. An arrangement under this Schedule may also provide for the transfer to the Department of
- 4. Where an arrangement is made under this Schedule, it shall be one of the terms
- 5. Where any person has any right given him by the trusts of the school to
- 6. The Department shall consider and have due regard to any objections and representations respecting a
- 7. Where the trust instrument contains any provision for the alienation of the school by any
- 8. Where a transfer of a school is made in pursuance of an arrangement under this
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- 5. Before instituting proceedings against a parent for an offence under paragraph 4(1)
- 6. The court before which a prosecution is brought for an offence under paragraph 4 may
  - Para. 7 rep. by 1995
- 8. For the purposes of a prosecution of the parent of a child for an offence Para. 9 rep. by 1995
- 10. Proceedings for an offence under this Schedule shall not be taken except by or on

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## SCHEDULE 15 — THE STAFF COMMISSION FOR EDUCATION AND LIBRARY BOARDS

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- SCHEDULE 16 MODIFICATIONS OF SCHEDULE 6 TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1972 FOR THE PURPOSES OF ARTICLES 105(4) AND 106(2)
  - PART I MODIFICATIONS OF SCHEDULE 6 TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1972 FOR THE PURPOSES OF ARTICLE 105(4)
- 1. References to the Ministry concerned or to the council shall be construed as references to
- 2. References to the said Schedule 6 shall be construed as references to that Schedule as
- 3. Paragraph 1 shall be omitted.
- 4. In paragraph 2—
- 5. For paragraph 3(1)(ii) there shall be substituted
- 6. In paragraph 4 the words from "and may provide" to the end of the paragraph
- 7. In paragraph 5—
- 8. In paragraph 6(2) for the words "fund out of which the expenses of the council
- 9. In paragraph 11(3) the words "in the prescribed form" shall be omitted.
- 10. In paragraph 12 in sub-paragraph (1) the words "such" and "as may be prescribed" shall
- 11. In paragraph 14(1), the words "in the prescribed form" shall be omitted.
- 12. In paragraph 15(1) for the words "in the prescribed form" there shall be substituted the
- 13. Paragraph 19 shall be omitted.
- 14. In paragraph 20, sub-paragraph (2) shall be omitted.
  - PART II MODIFICATIONS OF SCHEDULE 6 TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1972 FOR THE PURPOSES OF ARTICLE 106(2)
  - 1. For any reference to a council or the council or the clerk of the council
- 2. For any reference to the Ministry concerned there shall be substituted a reference to the
- 3. For any reference to that Act there shall be substituted a reference to this Order.
- 4. Any references to that Schedule shall be construed as references to that Schedule as modified
- 5. For any reference to a matter prescribed by regulations made by the Department of the
- 6. In paragraphs 2(c) and 5(2) for the words "as may be prescribed" there shall be
- 7. Paragraph 19 shall be omitted.
  - Schedule 17 rep. by 1989 NI 20
  - Schedule 18—Amendments

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- 1. In so far as anything done or having effect as if done under or in
- 2. Where any period of time specified in any provision repealed by this Order is current
  - School management
- 3. This paragraph applies to a voluntary grammar school the trustees or governing body of which
- 4. This paragraph applies to a voluntary grammar school, the trustees or governing body of which
  - Para. 5 rep. by 1996

Para. 5 rep. by 1996 Para. 6 rep. by 1993

— Schedule 20—Repeals

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## Changes and effects yet to be applied to:

- art. 2(2) words substituted by S.I. 1998/1759 (N.I.) Sch. 5 Pt. 2
- art. 9 repealed by S.I. 1998/1759 (N.I.) Sch. 5 Pt. 2 Sch. 6 Pt. 2
- art.46 applied by 1998 c. 39 s.55(5)
- art. 90(7) transfer of functions by 2013 c. 3 (N.I.) s. 5(1)
- art. 90(7)(a) words substituted by 2008 c. 12 (N.I.) Sch. 8 para. 4(a)
- art. 90(7)(b) words substituted by 2008 c. 12 (N.I.) Sch. 8 para. 4(b)

## Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 18 repealed in part by S.I. 2003/435 (N.I.) art. 49(2)Sch. 2
- art.77(3) revoked by S.I. 1996/2967 reg.11(7)