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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

In this Order—

- (a) Part II contains provisions about discipline in grant-aided schools;
- (b) Part III contains provisions relating to the baseline assessment of pupils in their first year of compulsory education and the assessment and performance of other pupils;
- (c) Part IV contains provisions relating to the performance and management of schools;
- (d) Part V contains provisions concerning the provision and funding of pre-school education and the admission of children to such education;
- (e) Part VI contains provisions relating to the establishment and functions of the General Teaching Council for Northern Ireland and to the employment of teachers;
- (f) Part VII re-enacts existing provisions relating to the financing of schools with amendments which transfer responsibility for the funding of voluntary grammar schools and grant-maintained integrated schools from the Department to boards;
- (g) Part VIII re-enacts existing provisions concerning the Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment and confers certain new functions on that Council;
- (h) Part IX contains miscellaneous provisions relating to education.