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**The Special Educational Needs and Disability (2016 Act)
(Commencement No. 1) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016**

Made - - - - *13th September 2016*

The Department of Education, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 18 (2) of the Special Educational Needs and Disability Act (Northern Ireland) 2016(a) makes the following Order.

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Special Educational Needs and Disability (2016 Act) (Commencement No. 1) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016.

Appointed Day

2. The day appointed for the coming into operation of section 6 of the Special Educational Needs and Disability Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 is 30th September 2016.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Education on 13th September 2016

(L.S.)

C Gillan
A Senior Officer of the Department of Education

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This order brings into operation section 6 of the Special Educational Needs and Disability Act (Northern Ireland) 2016.

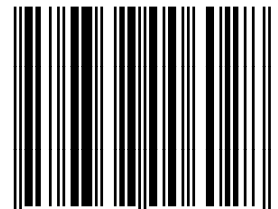
Section 6 provides that parents have 22 days in which to make representations, or provide written evidence, when the Education Authority notifies them that it has received a referral to make a statutory assessment under Article 15 of the Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1996. The Authority can, with the parent's consent, proceed to the next stage before the 22 days has expired.

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