

## **EXECUTIVE NOTE**

### **THE EDUCATION (SCHOOL AND PLACING INFORMATION) (SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2007 S.S.I. 2007/487**

The above instrument is made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 2 and 28(B)(1)(a)(ii) and (3) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 (“the 1980 Act”). The instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure.

#### **Policy Objectives**

The purpose of the instrument is to make consequential changes to the Education (School and Placing Information) (Scotland) Regulations 1982 (S.S.I. 1982/950) (“the principal Regulations”), following the passing of the Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004 (“the 2004 Act”) and the Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act 2006 (“the 2006 Act”). These include changing and updating references in relation to Records of Needs, placing requests and School Boards.

#### **Policy Background**

The 2004 Act establishes a new system for identifying and addressing the additional support needs of children and young people who face barriers to learning, replacing the system established in the 1980 Act. The 2004 Act also changes the system relating to placing requests for children and young people who have additional support needs. Finally, the 2004 Act repeals parts of the 1980 Act which used to apply to children and young people with a Record of Needs.

The 2006 Act abolishes School Boards, and allows for the establishment of Parent Councils and Combined Parent Councils.

#### **Purpose of the reforms in the above instrument**

The principal Regulations provide for the publication of, or making available, basic, school or supplementary information. The amendments in the instrument will ensure the information will reflect all the changes to legislation outlined above. Under regulation 10(1) of the principal Regulations the information must be supplied or made available in the form of a school handbook, produced by education authorities for each school in its area. Under regulation 13(2) of the principal Regulations, each education authority must review and revise such information by 8th December each year. Regulation 13(2)(A) of the principal Regulations requires each education authority, every year, to notify a parent of each pupil in attendance at a school in its area by 8th December that an updated school handbook will be available from 15th December.

#### **Consultation**

There has been no consultation in respect of these Regulations. They are purely technical amendments flowing from the 2004 Act and the 2006 Act.

## **Financial Effect**

Minimal. The instrument will have very minor financial effects on the Scottish Government and education authorities due to slight changes in respect of categories of data collected.

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