



# Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993

## 1993 CHAPTER 9

### PART I

#### DETENTION, TRANSFER AND RELEASE OF OFFENDERS

##### *Miscellaneous*

#### **23 Transfer of young offenders to prison or remand centre.**

After section 20 of the 1989 Act there shall be inserted the following section—

##### **“20A Transfer of young offenders to prison or remand centre.**

- (1) Subject to section 21 of this Act, an offender sentenced to detention in a young offenders institution shall be detained in such an institution unless a direction under subsection (2) below is in force in relation to him.
- (2) The Secretary of State may from time to time direct that an offender sentenced to detention in a young offenders institution shall be detained in a prison or remand centre instead of in a young offenders institution, but if the offender is under 18 years of age at the time of the direction, only for a temporary purpose.
- (3) Where an offender is detained in a prison or remand centre by virtue of subsection (2) above, any rules under section 39 of this Act which apply in relation to persons detained in that place shall apply to that offender; but subject to the foregoing and to subsection (4) below, the provisions of the [<sup>F1</sup>1995 Act], the Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993 and this Act relating to the treatment and supervision of persons sentenced to detention in a young offenders institution shall continue to apply to the offender.

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- (4) Where an offender referred to in subsection (3) above attains the age of 21 years, subsection (3) of section 21 of this Act shall apply to him as if he had been transferred to prison under that section.”.

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**Textual Amendments**

**F1** Words in s. 23 substituted (1.4.1996) by 1995 c. 40, ss. 5, 7(2), **Sch. 4 para. 86(2)**

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

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

- s. 3A(3A) inserted by [2019 asp 14 s. 51\(2\)](#)
- s. 3B inserted by [2019 asp 14 s. 51\(3\)](#)
- s. 3B(1)(a) words inserted by [2021 c. 11 Sch. 13 para. 52\(10\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 3B(1)(b) words inserted by [2021 c. 11 Sch. 13 para. 52\(10\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 3B(1)(b) words inserted by [2021 c. 11 Sch. 13 para. 52\(10\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 3B(4)(b) words inserted by [2021 c. 11 Sch. 13 para. 52\(10\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 3C-3E and cross-heading inserted by [2023 asp 4 s. 11\(2\)](#)
- s. 3AA(4)(aa) inserted by [2023 asp 4 s. 9\(4\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 3AA(7A) inserted by [2023 asp 4 s. 9\(4\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 3AB3AC inserted by [2023 asp 4 s. 9\(5\)](#)
- s. 11(3C)(3D) inserted by [2023 asp 4 s. 9\(6\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 12(3A) inserted by [2023 asp 4 s. 11\(3\)](#)
- s. 12AA(7) inserted by [2023 asp 4 s. 9\(8\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 12ZA inserted by [2023 asp 4 s. 11\(4\)](#)
- s. 16(2A) inserted by [2016 asp 1 s. 86\(4\)](#)
- s. 17(2A)(2B) inserted by [2023 asp 4 s. 10\(2\)](#)
- s. 17A(2B)(2C) inserted by [2023 asp 4 s. 10\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 17B inserted by [2023 asp 4 s. 10\(4\)](#)
- s. 27(7A)(7B) inserted by [2023 asp 4 s. 8\(2\)\(b\)](#)