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THE STATUTORY SYSTEM OF EDUCATION

Compulsory education

7 Duty of parents to secure education of children of compulsory school age

The parent of every child of compulsory school age shall cause him to receive efficient full-time education suitable—

- (a) to his age, ability and aptitude, and
 - (b) to any special educational needs he may have,
- either by regular attendance at school or otherwise.

8 Compulsory school age

- (1) Subsections (2) and (3) apply to determine for the purposes of any enactment whether a person is of compulsory school age.
- (2) A person begins to be of compulsory school age when he attains the age of five.
- (3) A person ceases to be of compulsory school age at the end of the day which is the school leaving date for any calendar year—
 - (a) if he attains the age of 16 after that day but before the beginning of the school year next following,
 - (b) if he attains that age on that day, or

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- (c) (unless paragraph (a) applies) if that day is the school leaving date next following his attaining that age.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by order determine the day in any calendar year which is to be the school leaving date for that year.