



Education Act 1996

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PART V

THE CURRICULUM

CHAPTER III

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION [^{F1}ETC] AND WORSHIP

Access to meetings and documents

397 ^{F1}... Access to meetings and documents.

- (1) This section applies to—
 - (a) any conference convened under any of paragraphs [^{F2}(A1)] to 3 of Schedule 31, and
 - (b) any standing advisory council ^{F3}... constituted under section 390.
- (2) Regulations [^{F4}made by the appropriate authority] may make provision—
 - (a) for meetings of conferences or councils to be, subject to prescribed exceptions, open to members of the public,
 - (b) requiring conferences or councils to give notice, in such manner as may be prescribed, of the time and place of such meetings, and
 - (c) requiring conferences or councils, at such time or times as may be prescribed—
 - (i) to make available for inspection, or
 - (ii) to provide on payment of such fee as they think fit (not exceeding the cost of supply),copies of the agendas and reports for such meetings to members of the public.
- (3) Regulations made under subsection (2) may apply to—

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- (a) committees appointed by [^{F5}local authorities] under paragraph 4 of Schedule 31,
 - (b) sub-committees appointed by conferences under that Schedule, and
 - (c) representative groups on councils appointed under section 390(4),
- as they apply to conferences and councils.

[^{F6}(4) The “appropriate authority” is—

- (a) in relation to a conference convened by a local authority in Wales, or a standing advisory council convened by a local authority in Wales, the Welsh Ministers;
- (b) in relation to a conference convened by a local authority in England, or a standing advisory council convened by a local authority in England, the Secretary of State.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 397 heading omitted (30.4.2021) by virtue of [Curriculum and Assessment \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 4\)](#), s. 84(1), [Sch. 2 para. 15\(2\)](#) (with savings and transitional provisions in S.I. 2022/111, regs. 1, 3)
- F2** Word in s. 397(1)(a) substituted (30.4.2021) by virtue of [Curriculum and Assessment \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 4\)](#), s. 84(1), [Sch. 2 para. 15\(3\)\(a\)](#) (with savings and transitional provisions in S.I. 2022/111, regs. 1, 3)
- F3** Words in s. 397(1)(b) omitted (30.4.2021) by virtue of [Curriculum and Assessment \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 4\)](#), s. 84(1), [Sch. 2 para. 15\(3\)\(b\)](#) (with savings and transitional provisions in S.I. 2022/111, regs. 1, 3)
- F4** Words in s. 397(2) inserted (30.4.2021) by [Curriculum and Assessment \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 4\)](#), s. 84(1), [Sch. 2 para. 15\(4\)](#) (with savings and transitional provisions in S.I. 2022/111, regs. 1, 3)
- F5** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 7\(3\)](#) (with Sch. 2 para. 7(4)(5))
- F6** S. 397(4) inserted (30.4.2021) by [Curriculum and Assessment \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 4\)](#), s. 84(1), [Sch. 2 para. 15\(5\)](#) (with savings and transitional provisions in S.I. 2022/111, regs. 1, 3)

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