



# Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003

## 2003 CHAPTER 38

### PART 3

#### PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

##### *Parenting orders under the 1998 Act*

#### **18 Parenting orders under the 1998 Act**

(1) Section 8 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (c. 37) is amended as follows.

(2) For subsections (4) and (5) substitute—

“(4) A parenting order is an order which requires the parent—

- (a) to comply, for a period not exceeding twelve months, with such requirements as are specified in the order, and
- (b) subject to subsection (5) below, to attend, for a concurrent period not exceeding three months, such counselling or guidance programme as may be specified in directions given by the responsible officer.

(5) A parenting order may, but need not, include such a requirement as is mentioned in subsection (4)(b) above in any case where a parenting order under this section or any other enactment has been made in respect of the parent on a previous occasion.”

(3) After subsection (7) insert—

“(7A) A counselling or guidance programme which a parent is required to attend by virtue of subsection (4)(b) above may be or include a residential course but only if the court is satisfied—

- (a) that the attendance of the parent at a residential course is likely to be more effective than his attendance at a non-residential course in preventing any such repetition or, as the case may be, the commission of any such further offence, and

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- (b) that any interference with family life which is likely to result from the attendance of the parent at a residential course is proportionate in all the circumstances.”

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**Commencement Information**

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