

# **Immigration Act 2014**

## **2014 CHAPTER 22**

### PART 1

#### REMOVAL AND OTHER POWERS

#### **Biometrics**

## 13 Safeguards for children

- (1) Schedule 2 to the Immigration Act 1971 (entry control) is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph 4 (power to take biometric information on examination), after subparagraph (6) (as inserted by paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 2) insert—
  - "(7) A person ("P") who is under 16 may not be required to provide biometric information under sub-paragraph (5) unless—
    - (a) the decision to require P to provide the information has been confirmed by a chief immigration officer, and
    - (b) the information is provided in the presence of a person of full age who is—
      - (i) P's parent or guardian, or
      - (ii) a person who for the time being takes responsibility for P.
  - (8) The person mentioned in sub-paragraph (7)(b)(ii) may not be—
    - (a) a person who is entitled to require the provision of information under sub-paragraph (5) (an "authorised person"), or
    - (b) an officer of the Secretary of State who is not such a person.
  - (9) Sub-paragraph (7) does not prevent an authorised person requiring the provision of biometric information by a person the authorised person reasonably believes to be 16 or over."
- (3) In paragraph 18 (power to take biometric information from detained persons), after sub-paragraph (2A) insert—

"(2B) Paragraph 4(7) to (9) applies to sub-paragraph (2) as it applies to paragraph 4(5)."