



# School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013

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## PART 3

### SCHOOL ORGANISATION

#### CHAPTER 5

#### PROPOSALS FOR RESTRUCTURING SIXTH FORM EDUCATION

*Making and determining proposals*

**71 Welsh Ministers' powers to restructure sixth form education**

- (1) The Welsh Ministers may make proposals under this section for—
- (a) the establishment by a local authority of one or more new community or community special schools to provide secondary education suitable to the requirements of sixth formers (and no other secondary education);
  - (b) an alteration described in paragraph 6 of Schedule 2 to one or more maintained schools;
  - (c) the discontinuance of one or more maintained schools which provide secondary education suitable to the requirements of sixth formers (and no other secondary education).
- (2) A “sixth former” is a person who is above compulsory school age but below the age of 19.

## **72 Consultation, publication and objections**

- (1) Before publishing proposals made under section 71, the Welsh Ministers must consult on the proposals in accordance with the code issued under section 38(1) for the time being in force.
- (2) The Welsh Ministers must publish proposals made under section 71 in accordance with the code issued under section 38(1) for the time being in force.
- (3) Any person may object to the proposals.
- (4) Objections must be sent in writing to the Welsh Ministers before the end of 28 days beginning with the day on which the proposals were published.

## **73 Determination by Welsh Ministers**

- (1) After the end of the 28 days referred to in section 72(4), the Welsh Ministers must determine whether to—
  - (a) adopt the proposals, with or without modifications, or
  - (b) withdraw the proposals.
- (2) In making a determination under subsection (1), the Welsh Ministers must have regard to any objections made in accordance with section 72(4) and not withdrawn.
- (3) Before adopting proposals subject to modifications, the Welsh Ministers must consult such persons as they consider appropriate.
- (4) The adoption of proposals may be expressed to take effect only if an event specified in the adoption occurs by a date so specified.
- (5) If the event does not occur by the specified date the Welsh Ministers must reconsider their determination under subsection (1).
- (6) The Welsh Ministers may withdraw their proposals at any time before they make a determination under subsection (1).