

*These notes relate to the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (asp 1) which received Royal Assent on 6 January 2011*

# **CHILDREN'S HEARINGS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2011**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 18 – Miscellaneous**

#### **Proceedings before sheriff under Act**

#### ***Section 185 – Amendment of section 32 of Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1971***

269. This section amends the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1971 (“the 1971 Act”) and inserts into section 32 powers for the Court of Session to make court rules about: enabling witnesses to give evidence when not physically present in court; prescribing circumstances in which a party to proceedings may be prohibited from personally questioning witnesses; permitting a party to be represented by a person who is neither an advocate nor a solicitor; and prescribing the functions and rights of Safeguarders appointed by the sheriff.