

# **CHILD POVERTY (SCOTLAND) ACT 2017**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***Section 2 – Interim targets***

7. **Section 2** places a duty on the Scottish Ministers to ensure that four interim targets are met during the financial year beginning with 1 April 2023, and sets out what those targets are.
8. Subsection (1) places a duty on the Scottish Ministers to ensure that the interim targets set out in subsection (2) are met in the financial year beginning with 1 April 2023.
9. Subsection (2) sets out what the interim targets are for children living in households in Scotland. Subsection (2)(a) sets out an interim target of less than 18% of children falling within section 3 (relative poverty); subsection (2)(b) sets out an interim target of less than 14% of children falling within section 4 (absolute poverty); subsection (2)(c) sets out an interim target of less than 8% of children falling within section 5 (combined low income and material deprivation); and subsection (2)(d) sets out an interim target of less than 8% of children falling within section 6 (persistent poverty).