



Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

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PART 15

APPEALS

Appeal against decision of children's hearing

155 Procedure

- (1) This section applies where an appeal under section 154 is made.
- (2) The Principal Reporter must lodge with the sheriff clerk a copy of—
 - (a) the decision, and the reasons for the decision, of the children's hearing,
 - (b) all information provided by virtue of rules under section 177 to the children's hearing, and
 - (c) the report of the children's hearing.
- (3) The appeal must not be heard in open court.
- (4) The sheriff may (but need not) hear evidence before determining the appeal.
- (5) The sheriff may hear evidence from—
 - (a) the child,
 - (b) a relevant person in relation to the child,
 - (c) an author or compiler of a report or statement provided to the children's hearing that made the decision,
 - (d) the Principal Reporter,
 - (e) where the appeal is against a decision to make, grant, vary or continue an order or warrant including a secure accommodation authorisation in respect of the child—
 - (i) the person in charge of the secure accommodation specified in the secure accommodation authorisation, and
 - (ii) the chief social work officer, and
 - (f) any other person who the sheriff considers may give material additional evidence.

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- (6) The sheriff may require any person to give a report to the sheriff for the purpose of assisting the sheriff in determining the appeal.
- (7) Subsection (6) applies in relation to a safeguarder only if regulations under ^[F1]section 34] so provide.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 155(7) substituted (24.6.2013) by [The Children's Hearings \(Scotland\) Act 2011 \(Modification of Primary Legislation\) Order 2013 \(S.S.I. 2013/211\)](#), art. 1, [Sch. 1 para. 20\(14\)](#)
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Commencement Information

- I1** S. 155 in force at 24.6.2013 by [S.S.I. 2013/195](#), [arts. 2, 3](#)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Pt. 17A inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 6\(2\)](#)
- s. 7A inserted by [2024 asp 5 s. 2\(2\)](#)
- s. 25(3) inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 30\(7\)](#)
- s. 27(3)-(4A) substituted for s. 27(3)(4) by [2020 asp 16 s. 3\(2\)](#)
- s. 57A57B and cross-heading inserted by [2024 asp 5 s. 3\(7\)](#)
- s. 62(5)(q)-(u) inserted by [2020 asp 9 s. 8\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 83(2)(ca)(cb) inserted by [2024 asp 5 s. 5\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 83(2A) inserted by [2024 asp 5 s. 4\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 83(4A) inserted by [2024 asp 5 s. 6\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 138(6)(aa) inserted by [2024 asp 5 s. 11\(2\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 138(7A) inserted by [2024 asp 5 s. 11\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 144(6) amendment to earlier affecting provision S.S.I. 2022/225, reg. 13(4) by [2024 asp 5 Sch. para. 27\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 150(2)(ca)(cb) inserted by [2024 asp 5 s. 6\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 163(2)-(2B) substituted for s. 163(2) by [2020 asp 16 s. 27\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 164(2)-(2B) substituted for s. 164(2) by [2020 asp 16 s. 27\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 165(2)-(2B) substituted for s. 165(2) by [2020 asp 16 s. 27\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 177(2)(ha) inserted by [2024 asp 5 s. 2\(3\)](#)
- s. 179A(5A)(5B) inserted by [2024 asp 5 s. 8\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 179B(3)-(6) inserted by [2024 asp 5 s. 8\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 179C(4) inserted by [2024 asp 5 s. 8\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 179D inserted by [2024 asp 5 s. 9\(2\)](#)