

EXPLANATORY NOTES

CHILDREN (SCOTLAND) ACT 2020

INTRODUCTION

THE ACT

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Detailed provisions

Regard to be had to child's views

Child welfare reporters and curators ad litem

Contact

Promotion of contact between looked after children and siblings

Duty to consider contact when making etc. compulsory supervision order

Clarification of order-making power

Factors to be considered before making order

Curators ad litem

Duty to consider child's best interests when allowing access to information

Local authority reporters

Explanation of decisions to the child

Duty to ensure availability of child advocacy services

Failure to obey order

Funding for alternative dispute resolution

Pilot scheme for mandatory alternative dispute resolution meetings

Opportunity to participate in hearing

Appeals under Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

Conferral of parental responsibilities and rights – births registered outwith UK

These notes relate to the Children (Scotland) Act 2020 (asp 16)

Extension to sheriff of enforcement powers under Family Law Act 1986

Delay in proceedings likely to prejudice child's welfare

Review of children's ability to participate

Final provisions

PARLIAMENTARY HISTORY