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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1989 No. 2406**

**The Education Reform(Northern Ireland) Order 1989**

**PART I**  
**INTRODUCTORY**

**Title and commencement**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Education Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1989.

(2) Except as provided by paragraph (3), this Order shall come into operation on the expiration of two months from the date on which it is made.

(3) The following provisions of this Order shall come into operation on such day or days as the Department may by order appoint—

Article 5(1)(b), (2), (4) and (5);

Article 6 and Schedule 2;

Article 8(1);

Article 9;

Article 11(1)(b) to (e) and (2);

Articles 18 to 28 and Schedule 3;

Article 34;

Part IV;

Article 54;

Article 56;

Article 57;

Articles 59 to 62;

Article 77(2) to (6);

Article 78;

Articles 102 to 104;

Article 113;

Article 119;

Articles 127 to 138;

Part IX and Schedule 8;

Article 156;

Article 159;

Article 166 and Schedule 9 so far as relating to—

The Commissioner for Complaints Act (Northern Ireland) 1969(1);

The Industrial Relations (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976(2);

The following provisions of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986(3), namely, the definition of “grammar school” in Article 2(2) and Articles 4, 8(2), 10(5), 11(1), 33, 65, 69, 72, 79(2), 88(6), 103(1) and 116(1);

Article 167 and Schedule 10 so far as relating to—

The Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland) 1968(4);

The following provisions of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986, namely, the definition of “intermediate school” in Article 2(2) and Articles 4, 8(1)(b) and (c), 24 to 26, 28, 56(1) and (4) to (6), 57(1), 68, 103(1), 117, Part IX, Schedule 2, paragraph 4 of Schedule 3, Schedule 14 and Schedule 17;

The Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1987.

(4) An order under paragraph (3) may—

- (a) make such transitional provision as appears to the Department to be necessary or expedient in connection with the provisions brought into operation by the order;
- (b) include such adaptations of the provisions which it brings into operation, or of any other provision of this Order then in operation, as appears to the Department necessary or expedient for the purpose or in consequence of the operation of any provision of this Order (including in particular, the provisions which the order brings into operation) before the coming into operation of any other provision.

## **Interpretation**

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(5) shall apply to Article 1 and the following provisions of this Order as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(2) In this Order “the principal Order” means the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986(6).

(3) In any provision of this Order “the appointed day” means the day appointed under Article 1(3) for the coming into operation of that provision.

(4) This Order shall be construed as one with the principal Order and accordingly Article 2(2) of that Order, in so far as it relates to the definition of words or expressions used in that Order and in this Order, shall apply for the purposes of this Order as it applies for the purposes of that Order.

(5) For the purposes of the Education Orders a maintained school is maintained by a board if the board has the responsibilities mentioned in Article 8(1) of the principal Order in relation to the school.

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(1) 1969 c. 25 (N.I.)  
(2) 1976 NI 28  
(3) 1986 NI 3  
(4) 1968 c. 34 (N.I.)  
(5) 1987 NI 2  
(6) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)