## 2016 No. 413

## The Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2016

## Employment Rights Act 1996 (c. 18)

- 143. The Employment Rights Act 1996 is amended as follows.
- 144. In section 57ZS(1) (placement of looked after children with prospective adopters)—
  - (a) after subsection (2) insert—
    - "(2A) Subsection (2B) applies where a local authority in Wales notifies a person-
      - (a) who is a local authority foster parent, and
      - (b) who has been approved as prospective adopter,

that a child is to be, or is expected to be, placed with that person under section 81 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.

(2B) Where this subsection applies, sections 57ZJ, 57ZL, 57ZN and 57ZP have effect as if—

- (a) references to adoption or placement for adoption were references to placement of a child under section 81 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 with a local authority foster parent who has been approved as a prospective adopter;
- (b) references to placing for adoption were references to placing a child under section 81 of that Act with a local authority foster parent who has been approved as a prospective adopter;
- (c) references to an adoption agency were references to a local authority in Wales.";
- (b) in subsection (3) after "Children Act 1989" insert "or section 81 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014".
- 145. In section 75A(2) (ordinary adoption leave) for subsection (1A)(c) substitute—
  - "(c) being notified—
    - (i) by a local authority in England that a child is to be, or is expected to be, placed with the employee under section 22C of the Children Act 1989;
    - (ii) by a local authority in Wales that a child is to be, or is expected to be, placed with the employee under section 81 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014."
- 146. In section 75G(3) (entitlement to shared parental leave: adoption)—
  - (a) for subsection (7) substitute—

<sup>(1)</sup> Section 57ZS was inserted by the Children and Families Act 2014 (c. 6), section 128(1).

<sup>(2)</sup> Section 75A was inserted by the Employment Act 2002 (c. 22), section 3. Subsection (1A) was inserted by the Children and Families Act 2014 (c. 6), section 121(1).

<sup>(3)</sup> Section 75G was inserted by the Children and Families act 2014 (c. 6), section 117(1).

"(7) Regulations under subsections (1) and (4) are to provide for leave in respect of a child placed, or expected to be placed—

- (a) under section 22C of the Children Act 1989 by a local authority in England, or
- (b) under section 81 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 by a local authority in Wales,

with a local authority foster parent who has been approved as a prospective adopter.";

(b) in subsection (8) after "Children Act 1989" insert ", or section 81 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014".

147. In section 80B(4) (entitlement to paternity leave: adoption)—

(a) for subsection (6A) substitute—

"(6A) Regulations under subsection (1) shall include provision for leave in respect of a child placed, or expected to be placed—

- (a) under section 22C of the Children Act 1989 by a local authority in England, or
- (b) under section 81 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 by a local authority in Wales,

with a local authority foster parent who has been approved as a prospective adopter.";

- (b) in subsection (6B)(a) after "Children Act 1989" insert ", or section 81 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014";
- (c) in subsection (6B)(b) after "section 22C" insert "of the Children Act 1989, or section 81 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014".

**148.** In section 235(1)(5) (other definitions) in the definition of "local authority foster parent", for "section 22C(12)" substitute "section 105(1)".

<sup>(4)</sup> Section 80B was inserted by the Employment Act 2002 (c. 22), section 1. Subsections (6A) and (6B) were inserted by the Children and Families Act 2014 (c. 6), section 121(2)(b).

<sup>(5)</sup> The definition of "local authority foster parent" in section 235(1) was inserted by the Children and Families Act 2014 (c. 6), section 128(2)(e).