

EDUCATION (WALES) MEASURE 2011

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2: School Governance

Chapter 2: Training for governors and clerks and provision of clerks

Section 22 – Information and training for governors of maintained schools

48. Subsections (1) and (2) place a duty on local authorities to provide information to governors of maintained schools in Wales to enable the governors to carry out their functions.
49. Subsections (3) and (4) provide that regulations may require a local authority to secure (free of charge) the provision of prescribed training to school governors.
50. Subsection (6) provides that a local authority must provide training to governors to enable them to carry out their functions.

Section 23 – Duty of local authorities to provide clerks to the governing bodies of maintained schools

51. Regulations under section 23 of the Education Act 2002 provide for the appointment of a clerk to a governing body. Under this section a local authority must inform the body which appoints the clerk that it may ask the local authority to provide a person to act as the clerk. If the body makes such a request, regulations may require the local authority to provide a clerk and for a payment to be made for the provision of the service.

Section 24 – Training for clerks to the governing bodies of maintained schools

52. Regulations under this section can impose a duty on the body that appoints a clerk to a governing body (in accordance with regulations under section 23 of the Education Act 2002). The duty that can be imposed is to ensure that the person appointed as a clerk has completed training to a standard set out in the regulations. Subsection (3) provides that regulations may make further provision in relation to the training of clerks.

Section 25 – Duty of local authorities to secure availability of training for Clerks

53. This section imposes a duty on a local authority to secure the training it sees necessary for clerks to governing bodies.