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PROSPECTIVE

## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 3

#### Minor and consequential amendments

#### PART 1

#### Amendments of primary legislation

##### *The Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992*

**20.**—(1) Section 167ZLA (entitlement: prospective adopters with whom looked after children are placed) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (1)—

- (a) omit “who is looked after by an authority and”;
- (b) for “the authority” substitute “an authority”;
- (c) for “Article 27(2)(a)” substitute “Article 27”;
- (d) omit “, in the circumstances mentioned in paragraph (2),”
- (e) for “an approved foster parent who is also an approved prospective adopter” substitute “a person who is approved as an authority foster parent and approved as a prospective adopter”.

(3) Omit subsection (2).

(4) In subsection (3)—

- (a) for “as if the following references or definitions were such references or definitions as may be prescribed” substitute “with the following modifications”;
- (b) in paragraph (a) at the end add “is to be treated as a reference to the child being placed under Article 27 in that manner”;
- (c) in paragraph (b) at the end add “is to be treated as a reference to the week in which the prospective adopter is notified that the child is to be, or is expected to be, placed with the prospective adopter under Article 27”;
- (d) in paragraph (c) at the end add “is to be treated as a reference to placement, or expected placement, under Article 27”.

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(5) In subsection (4) for “as mentioned in subsection (1)” substitute “under Article 27 of the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995”.

(6) In subsection (5)—

(a) for ““approved foster parent”, “approved prospective adopter”,” substitute ““approved as an authority foster parent”, “approved as a prospective adopter” and”;

(b) omit “and “child who is looked after by an authority””.

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**Commencement Information**

**II** Sch. 3 para. 20 not in operation at Royal Assent, see **s. 160(1)**

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

- Act applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2018/412, Sch. 3 (as substituted) by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 83](#)