



# Local Government (Scotland) Act 1966

## 1966 CHAPTER 51

### PART I

#### GRANTS

##### *Rate support grants for local authorities*

#### **5 Reduction of grants in case of default.**

(1) If the Secretary of State is satisfied—

- (a) that a local authority or a joint board have failed to achieve or maintain a reasonable standard in the discharge of any of their functions, regard being had to the standards maintained by other authorities and boards which are, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, of a similar type to the local authority or, as the case may be, joint board concerned ; or
- (b) that the expenditure of any local authority or joint board has been excessive and unreasonable, regard being had to the financial and other relevant circumstances of the area or areas concerned ;

and is of opinion that by reason of the failure or the excessive and unreasonable expenditure a reduction should be made in the amount of any element of rate support grant payable to the local authority or a constituent authority of the joint board, he may, after affording to the local or constituent authority in question an opportunity of making representations, make and cause to be laid before Parliament a report stating the amount of and the reasons for the proposed reduction and setting out any representations made by the authority with respect to the proposed reduction ; and if the report is approved by a resolution of the Commons House of Parliament the Secretary of State may reduce the element of the grant accordingly.

(2) The Secretary of State may make regulations, subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament, for prescribing standards and general requirements in relation to any function of a local authority; and in determining for the purposes of subsection (1) of this section whether there has been such a failure as is

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there mentioned, regard shall be had to any such regulations and any other standards or requirements imposed by or under any enactment.