

*These notes refer to the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act  
1999 (c.30) which received Royal Assent on 11 November 1999*

# **WELFARE REFORM AND PENSIONS ACT 1999**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **OVERVIEW**

#### ***Bereavement Benefits***

#### ***The measures in the Act***

The measures in the Act that relate to Bereavement Benefits are contained in Part V, sections 54-56, and Part I of Schedule 8. They provide for the new Bereavement Payment, Widowed Parent's Allowance and Bereavement Allowance.

The remaining changes – the disregard of Widowed Parent's Allowance (£10 for Income Support and £15 for other income-related benefits) and the additional support for widows and widowers over 55 – do not require primary legislation.