

*These notes refer to the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (c.22) which received Royal Assent on 12 November 2009*

# **APPRENTICESHIPS, SKILLS, CHILDREN AND LEARNING ACT 2009**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 9: Children's Services**

#### **Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children**

#### ***Section 195: Targets for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children***

600. *Subsection (1)* of section 195 inserts a new section 9A into the 2004 Act, providing for the Secretary of State to set statutory targets for children's services authorities in England for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, in accordance with regulations. The first regulations issued will be subject to the affirmative resolution procedure. Thereafter the negative resolution procedure will apply. Subsection (3) of the new section 9A requires a children's services authority to exercise its functions in the manner best calculated to secure that any targets are met. The effect of the amendment at *subsection (3)* is that functions under the new section 9A are social services functions within the meaning of the Local Authorities Social Services Act 1970.