

*These notes refer to the Education Act 2011 (c.21)  
which received Royal Assent on 15 November 2011*

# EDUCATION ACT 2011

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 4: Qualifications and the Curriculum**

##### **International comparison surveys**

##### *Section 20: Requirement for schools to participate in international surveys*

126. **Section 20** inserts new section 538A into Chapter 4 of Part 9 of EA 1996. It enables the Secretary of State to secure the participation of community, voluntary and foundation schools, in England, in international education surveys.
127. England takes part in a number of international comparison surveys which generate comparative data on pupil performance, attitudes to learning and the education environment, such as the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA). This section is intended to ensure that sampled schools participate in specified surveys.