

*These notes refer to the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (c.10) which received Royal Assent on 1 May 2012*

# **LEGAL AID, SENTENCING AND PUNISHMENT OF OFFENDERS ACT 2012**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **SUMMARY**

#### **Part 1: Legal Aid**

##### **Providers of services**

27. **Part 1** of the Act enables the Lord Chancellor to restrict the choice of provider in certain conditions, for example to providers who hold a contract with the Lord Chancellor to provide such services. In publicly funded cases the professional relationship between provider and client is unaffected. The Act restricts payments to providers of legal aid from other sources and enables regulations to provide that, where legal aid is withdrawn, the provider is still to be paid for work undertaken.
28. The Act provides for a code of conduct for any civil servants, or employees of a body established by the Lord Chancellor, who provide legal aid services. The code is to be published and laid before Parliament.