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**1981 No. 1711 (C.48)**

**EDUCATION, ENGLAND AND WALES**  
**The Education Act 1981 (Commencement No. 1)**  
**Order 1981**

*Made - - - - 30th November 1981*

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Secretary of State by section 20(2) and (3) of the Education Act 1981(a), I hereby make the following Order:—

*Citation*

1. This Order may be cited as the Education Act 1981 (Commencement No. 1) Order 1981.

*Interpretation*

2. In this Order “ the Act ” means the Education Act 1981.

*Coming into force of certain provisions of the Act*

3. The provisions of the Act specified in column 1 of Schedule 1 to this Order (which relate to the matters specified in column 2 thereof) shall come into force on 5th January 1982.

*Transitional provision*

4. The transitional provision contained in Schedule 2 to this Order shall have effect in connection with the bringing into force of section 14 of the Act.

## SCHEDULE 1

Provisions of the Act	Subject matter of the provisions
Section 14	Discontinuance of maintained special schools.
Section 20 Section 21(1), (2) and (5)	Interpretation and commencement. Short title, etc.

## SCHEDULE 2

## TRANSITIONAL PROVISION

1. This Schedule shall have effect until section 1 of the Act comes into force.
2. Section 14(2)(c) of the Act shall have effect with the substitution for the words "for special educational provision to be made" of the words "for special educational treatment to be provided".

30th November 1981.

*Keith Joseph,*  
One of Her Majesty's Principal  
Secretaries of State.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order brings certain provisions of the Education Act 1981 into force on 5th January 1982.

The principal provision brought into force (subject to the transitional provision contained in Schedule 2) is section 14, which provides that a local education authority shall not cease to maintain a special school except in accordance with proposals approved by the Secretary of State. The other provisions brought into force comprise ones relating to interpretation, commencement, short-title, etc.

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