

Child Victims of Human Trafficking (Central Government Responsibility) Bill

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Make provision for the transfer of duties in relation to child victims of human trafficking from local authorities to central government.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Children Act 1989

- (1) Section 17 of the Children Act is amended as follows.
- (2) In Section 1 after subsection (1), insert—
 - “(1A) Subsection (1) (a) shall not apply, and Section 2 of the Child Victims of Human Trafficking (Central Government Responsibility) Act 2016 shall apply, where a child is in a local authority’s area due to being a victim of human trafficking.”

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2 Duty to provide for child victims of human trafficking

- (1) Responsibility for the safeguarding and care of victims of human trafficking, under the age of 18 years, shall fall to the Secretary of State.
- (2) The Secretary of State shall make provision for the safeguarding and protection of children under subsection (1).
- (3) The Secretary of State may make regulations containing provisions for the purposes of implementing subsection (2).

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3 Short title, coming into force and extent

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- (1) This Act may be cited as the Child Victims of Human Trafficking (Central Government Responsibility) Act 2016.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act extends only to England and Wales.

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