

Children of Armed Services Personnel (Schools Admission) Bill

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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 Amendment of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998

After section 84 (Code of Practice) insert the following section—

“84A Children of military personnel

- (1) This section applies to the school age children of United Kingdom military personnel serving in the United Kingdom. 5
- (2) The Secretary of State must amend the School Admissions Code (“the Code”) issued under section 84 to ensure that the children to whom this section applies—
 - (a) have the same priority for access to schools as those given the highest priority for access to places in schools (currently, looked after children); and 10
 - (b) are not restricted to a timetable for making application for places and admissions which fails to take account of the needs of service personnel to move at short notice.
- (3) The Secretary of State must amend the Code by 1 January 2018. 15
- (4) For the purposes of this section a “school age child” is—
 - (a) a child of compulsory school age, or
 - (b) a person under the age of 19 who wishes to attend full-time education.”

2 Extent, commencement and citation 20

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales.

- (2) This Act comes into force on the day after the day on which the Act receives Royal Assent.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Children of Armed Services Personnel (Schools Admission) Act 2017.

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