

Bereavement Support (Children and Young People) Bill

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BE IT ENACTED by the King'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 Requirement to provide information about bereavement services

- (1) The Secretary of State must by regulations establish a protocol for the collection and dissemination of information relating to bereavement support services for children and young people.
- (2) The protocol in regulations under subsection (1) must—
 - (a) define the bereavement support services to which the protocol applies, which must include services provided by—
 - (i) local authorities,
 - (ii) NHS bodies,
 - (iii) charities and other third sector organisations,
 - (b) place a duty on the Secretary of State to publish information, including online, about services to which the protocol applies,
 - (c) place a duty on specified public bodies and other persons to provide information to children and young people about services to which the protocol applies, including in particular—
 - (i) specialist services for children and young people,
 - (ii) services provided online,
 - (iii) accessible services for deaf and disabled children and young people,
 - (d) where a duty under paragraph (c) above applies, provide for a requirement to identify children or young people who may require a service to which the protocol applies.
- (3) Regulations under this section are to be made by statutory instrument.
- (4) A statutory instrument containing regulations under this section may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

- (5) A draft of a statutory instrument containing regulations under this section must be laid before Parliament within 12 months of the passing of this Act.

2 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed. 5
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Bereavement Support (Children and Young People) Act 2024.

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