



**Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru  
The National Assembly for Wales**

**ADRODDIAD GAN Y PWYLLGOR DEDDFAU**

**LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

**The Children (Protection from Offenders) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2001**

**Background**

These regulations amend the Adoption Agencies Regulations 1983 and the Foster Placement (Children) Regulations 1991.

The effect of the amendments is to permit local authorities to exercise a discretion in cases where a person proposing to adopt or foster a child has been convicted of an offence of assault occasioning actual bodily harm committed when they were under the age of 18. At present there is no discretion under which such persons may be allowed to adopt or foster.

Identical provisions were made for England on 5 October 1999 and came into force on 31 October 1999 (SI 1999/2768). The Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments did not raise any points in relation to the England regulations (1998/9 Session, 30<sup>th</sup> report).

**Standing Order 11.5**

No points have been identified as matters in respect of which the Committee needs to invite the Assembly to pay special attention.

**General Observations**

There are two typographical errors –

**Regulation 2** in the English text is wrongly numbered as 3.

**Regulation 2(4)(b)** in the Welsh text should read –

“a rhoddwch “1885” yn lle “1985”.”

**Mick Bates AM**

Chair, Legislation Committee

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