

Subordinate Legislation with Clear Reports

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SL(6)090 – The Curriculum for Wales – Relationships and Sexuality Education Code

Background and Purpose

The Curriculum for Wales – Relationships and Sexual Education Code (the “Code”) is proposed to be issued pursuant to section 8 of the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Act 2021 (“the Act”). The Code sets out the themes and matters to be encompassed by the mandatory element of Relationships and Sexuality Education (“RSE”).

The content of the Code is set within the context of broad and interlinked learning strands, namely:

- Relationships and identity;
- Sexual health and well-being;
- Empowerment, safety and respect.

Under section 8(2) and (3) of the Act, a curriculum does not encompass RSE unless it accords with the provision in the Code. Teaching and learning also does not encompass the mandatory element of RSE unless it accords with the provision in the Code.

Implementation of the Code in schools and settings is designed to take place from September 2022 through to the 2026/27 academic year as the Curriculum for Wales is rolled out across schools and settings. The Code will be supplemented by statutory guidance published under section 71 of the Act.

Procedure: Affirmative

The Welsh Ministers have laid a draft of the Code before the Senedd. The Welsh Ministers cannot issue the Code unless the Senedd approves the draft Code.

Parent Act: Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Act 2021

Date Made:

Date Laid:

Coming into force date:



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