

Young People Leaving Care (Accommodation) 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 Provision of suitable accommodation for young people leaving care to live independently or semi-independently

- (1) It shall be the duty of every local authority to ensure that accommodation for young people leaving care to live independently or semi-independently meets minimum standards set by the Secretary of State. 5
- (2) The Secretary of State shall by regulations establish minimum standards for such accommodation in respect of—
- (a) health and safety;
 - (b) habitability;
 - (c) location and accessibility; 10
 - (d) availability of services and furnishing;
 - (e) security of accommodation; and
 - (f) meeting the young person's assessed needs.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (2) shall be made by statutory instrument and shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament. 15
- (4) The Secretary of State must lay those regulations before Parliament within 12 months of the day on which this Act is passed.

2 Expenses

There shall be paid out of money provided by Parliament — 20

(a) *any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of this Act by the Secretary of State, and*

- (b) *any increase attributable to this Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.*

3 Short title and extent

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Young People Leaving Care (Accommodation) Act 2009.
- (2) This Act extends to England and Wales.

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