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EDUCATION

Raising of School Leaving Age

ORDER IN COUNCIL, DATED 21ST MARCH 1972, MADE UNDER SECTION 33 OF THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1947.

BY THE GOVERNOR IN THE PRIVY COUNCIL OF NORTHERN IRELAND

GREY OF NAUNTON

WHEREAS Section 33(1) of the Education Act (Northern Ireland) 1947(a) defines the expression "compulsory school age" in that Act by reference to an upper limit of 15 years:

AND WHEREAS Section 33(2) of that Act provides that, as soon as the Ministry of Education is satisfied that it has become practicable to raise to sixteen the upper limit of compulsory school age, it shall lay before Parliament the draft of an Order in Council directing that subsection (1) of the said section shall have effect as if for references therein to the age of fifteen years there shall be substituted references to the age of sixteen years; and that, if within the statutory period both Houses of Parliament resolve that the draft be presented to the Governor of Northern Ireland, the said Governor may by Order in Council direct accordingly:

AND WHEREAS the said Ministry is satisfied as aforesaid and has laid before Parliament a draft of this Order and both Houses of Parliament have, within the statutory period, so resolved as aforesaid:*

NOW, THEREFORE, I RALPH FRANCIS ALNWICK, BARON GREY OF NAUNTON, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Governor of Northern Ireland by and with the advice of the Privy Council of Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by the said Section 33(2) do hereby order and direct as follows:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Raising of School Leaving Age Order (Northern Ireland) 1972 and shall come into operation on 1st September 1972.

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2. Section 33(1) of the Education Act (Northern Ireland) 1947 shall have effect with the substitution of references to the age of sixteen years for references to the age of fifteen years.

(a) 1947. c. 3.

*Approved by the House of Commons and the Senate on 14th March 1972.