

STATES OF JERSEY

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DRAFT CHILDREN (JERSEY) LAW 2002 (APPOINTED DAY) ACT 200-

**Lodged au Greffe on 5th July 2005
by the Health and Social Services Committee**

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REPORT

If adopted, the Act will bring into force the Children (Jersey) Law 2002, which was debated and approved by the States on 26th February 2002, sanctioned by Order of Her Majesty in Council on 20th November 2002 and registered in the Royal Court on 13th December 2002.

Members will recall that the Children Law introduces substantial and far-reaching reforms similar to those introduced by the Children Act 1989 in England and Wales. It introduces new Orders and the new concept of 'parental responsibility'. In drawing together public and private Law it establishes the principle that the welfare of the child must be the Court's paramount consideration when determining any question with respect to the upbringing of a child.

It covers the following issues –

- orders with respect to children in family proceedings;
- Committee support for children and families;
- care and supervision;
- protection of children;
- employment of children;
- arrangements for voluntary homes and private fostering.

The States is asked to approve the Appointed Day Act so that the Children (Jersey) Law 2002 may come into force on 1st August 2005.

Financial and manpower statement

There are no financial or manpower implications for the States arising from this draft Act.

Explanatory Note

This Act would bring the Children (Jersey) Law 2002 into force on 1st August 2005. The 2002 Law introduces a new framework of rights and responsibilities in relation to children.



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Made

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Coming into force

[date to be inserted]

THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 83 of the Children (Jersey) Law 2002, [\[1\]](#) have made the following Act –

1 Commencement of Children (Jersey) Law 2002

The Children (Jersey) Law 2002 shall come into force on 1st August 2005.

2 Citation

This Act may be cited as the Children (Jersey) Law 2002 (Appointed Day) Act 200.

[\[1\]](#) *Recueil des Lois, Volume 2002, page 1313.*