

Developments in Child Law

Legislation: Education Laws Amendment Act 31 of 2007

This Amendment Act came into operation at the end of 2007 and makes significant changes to various education laws including the South African Schools Act of 1996. The Amendment Act provides *inter alia* for random search and seizures and drug testing of learners at schools. It allows for the principal or his or her delegate to search a learner for dangerous objects or illegal drugs but the search must among other things not extend to a search of the learners' body cavity. The Act also allows for random urine or non-invasive tests on learners suspected of using illegal drugs.

Please find attached a copy of the Act.