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Exempt the Department for Work and Pensions from statutory requirements to retain files in written form where it holds electronic files of the information in an approved form; and for connected purposes.

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 Department for Work and Pensions: files

- (1) Notwithstanding the provisions in any other enactment, the Secretary of State is under no obligation to keep documents relating to relevant benefit claims in written form, provided that the documents are stored in electronic form.
- (2) The Secretary of State may by order made by statutory instrument make such amendments as necessary in relevant legislation to bring into force subsection (1). 5
- (3) In this Act “relevant benefit claims” are those covered by the Social Security and Child Support (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations 1999 (SI 1999/991).

2 Short title and extent

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- (1) This Act may be cited as the Department for Work and Pensions (Electronic File Retention) Act 2010.
- (2) This Act extends to England and Wales.

Department for Work and Pensions (Electronic File Retention) Bill

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Presented by Harry Cohen.

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