

Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Bill

AMENDMENT
TO BE MOVED
IN GRAND COMMITTEE

Clause 1

LORD MOYLAN

Page 3, line 36, at end insert—

“A4 Duty to secure freedom of speech and academic freedom: funding and grants

The governing body of a registered higher education provider must take reasonable steps to ensure that grants of funds by the provider for the purposes of academic research are not refused to—

- (a) any individual member or group of members of staff of the provider,
- (b) any member or group of members of the provider, or
- (c) any student or group of students of the provider,

on the grounds, solely or inter alia, that such persons adhere to or propagate any particular lawfully-held principle or political opinion.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment prevents discrimination in the distribution of research funding by higher education providers based wholly or in part on the lawfully-held principles or political opinions of the potential recipient.

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