

Schools Bill [HL]

AMENDMENTS TO BE MOVED ON REPORT

Clause 42

LORD STOREY

Clause 42, page 36, line 37, at end insert –

- “(4A) Regulations must make provision, in respect of a pupil placed in a registered alternative provider having been permanently excluded, for –
- (a) a budget addition to be made, and
 - (b) any Education, Health and Care Plan to be transferred,
- to that new educational provider.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment seeks to ensure that pupils who are placed in an alternative educational provision have any financing or EHC plans transferred with them to the new provider.

Clause 49

THE LORD BISHOP OF ST ALBANS

Clause 49, page 42, line 28, leave out from “details” to end and insert “on the suitability of the child’s education, and the nature and number of enquiries made by the local authority regarding the suitability of the child’s education”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would limit information collected on the nature of the child’s education to its suitability, and ensures that the local authority registers the number and nature of its enquiries with respect to determining educational suitability.

BARONESS BRINTON
LORD STOREY

Clause 49, page 42, line 29, at end insert –

- “(ca) the reason why the child is not a registered pupil at a relevant school,”

Clause 49 - continued***Member's explanatory statement***

This amendment requires the register to contain information about why a child is not registered at a school.

LORD LUCAS

Clause 49, page 45, line 24, at end insert –

- “(A1) A local authority must conduct itself with the objective of maintaining open, supportive and constructive relationships with home educators, recognising their role as prime educators of their children.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is to ensure that the relationship between parents and their children is respected in this context.

BARONESS GARDEN OF FROGNAL

Clause 49, page 45, line 36, at end insert –

- “(e) guaranteed local places to sit national examinations for children educated otherwise than in school, including access arrangements where necessary, and
(f) provision of financial assistance towards the cost of sitting national examinations for children educated otherwise than in school.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment ensures that support is available to help parents with the cost and process of securing places for their children to sit national examinations.

LORD LUCAS

Clause 49, page 46, line 7, at end insert –

“436HA Provision of registration information by independent educational institutions

- (1) A relevant school must provide to the Secretary of State the prescribed information in the prescribed manner within the prescribed timescale as to pupils who are registered at the school.
- (2) The Secretary of State must make that information available as part of the National Pupil Database.
- (3) In this section “relevant school” means a school that is not an Academy school or alternative provision Academy and is registered under section 95 of the Education and Skills Act 2008 (register of independent educational institutions).”

Member's explanatory statement

Clause 49 - continued

This amendment is intended to ensure that every child in the UK is on a register that is available to the DfE, using common formats and reference numbers, so that their educational history and current status is known, and complete data is available to aid policy formulation and child safeguarding.

Clause 51

BARONESS BRINTON

Clause 51, page 57, line 20, leave out from “exceeding” to the end of line 23 and insert “three months”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would reduce the maximum prison sentence for parents who fail to comply with school attendance orders to three months.

Clause 53

LORD LUCAS

Clause 53, page 58, line 3, at end insert –

- “(3) The Secretary of State must provide funding to local authorities sufficient for them to fulfil their obligations under this section, and may provide additional funding to enable research into the most effective ways of fulfilling them.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is to ensure that local authorities have the resources to take on a set of obligations that are, in large part, currently taken on by schools.

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