

Schools Bill [HL]

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[Supplementary to the Second Marshalled List]

Amendment
No.

Clause 54

BARONESS HOLLINS
LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH

97ZA★ Clause 54, page 58, line 23, at end insert –

“(2A) An attendance policy must state that –

- (a) the school must authorise any absence requested due to the mental or physical health of the pupil,
- (b) “mental health” includes mental health difficulties associated with autism and learning disabilities, and
- (c) schools may only request parents to provide medical evidence to support a request under paragraph (a) when there is a good reason to doubt the authenticity of the condition.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is intended to confirm the Government's statement that “all pupils, including those with special educational needs and disabilities, should be offered support to attend their educational settings with punitive approaches used as a last resort” in written correspondence by Baroness Barran on 1 June 2022.

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