

Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Bill

AMENDMENTS
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Clause 1

LORD STRATHCARRON

Page 2, line 4, at end insert–

“(c) to express opinions about the registered higher education provider, including without limitation on opinions concerning its curriculums, governance, affiliations, and the teaching and research conducted at the provider,”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment seeks to protect an academic’s freedom to criticise the institution at which they work.

Page 2, line 15, leave out “placing themselves at risk of being adversely affected” and insert “being adversely affected (or being placed at risk of being adversely affected)”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment seeks to ensure that protection applies to actual as well as threatened adverse consequences.

Page 2, line 18, leave out “or privileges” and insert “, privileges, responsibilities or opportunities”

Page 2, line 20, at end insert–

“(7A) Subsections (6) and (7) apply irrespective of the provider’s interest in protecting its reputation.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment seeks to remove subjective notions of disrepute as a ground to sanction or dismiss an academic in response to lawful exercise of academic freedom.

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