

Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Bill

AMENDMENTS
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Clause 1

LORD TRIESMAN

Page 2, line 20, at end insert—

“(7A) In this Part, “academic staff” includes academic staff on full and part-time contracts, irrespective of whether they are employed on a permanent or temporary contract.”

Clause 8

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Page 11, line 23, leave out from “may” to end of line 24 and insert “designate an officer of the OfS, to be known as the Free Speech and Academic Freedom Officer (FSAFO), on behalf of the OfS, to require anyone to do or not do anything found to be necessary as a result of an inquiry undertaken within the scope of the scheme, and to publish a report setting out the FSAFO’s findings and reasons.

- (5A) A constituent institution of a registered higher education provider or a student union must comply with any requirement of the FSAFO unless—
- (a) it has reasons for not doing so which are compelling having regard to the importance of the matters mentioned in section 2(1)(aa) and (ab), and
 - (b) it has published those reasons and sent them to the Board of the OfS.
- (5B) Upon receiving such reasons, the Board of the OfS must make immediate arrangements to consider them and make a binding decision in respect of the requirements on the higher education provider or students’ union.
- (5C) The registration of an institution as a public education provider must contain an obligation to act on a requirement made under this Schedule by the FSAFO or the Board of the OfS.
- (5D) It is a condition for a students’ union to comply with a requirement made under this Schedule for its financial support.”

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