

Front-loaded Child Benefit Bill [HL]

MARSHALLED
LIST OF AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED
IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

[Amendments marked ★ are new or have been altered]

Amendment
No.

Clause 1

LORD FARMER

1 Clause 1, page 1, line 5, leave out “on a sliding scale”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment removes any detail that could signal how arrangements for varying the rates should be made.

BARONESS SHERLOCK

2★ Clause 1, page 1, line 7, after “amount” insert “in real terms”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is to probe whether the front-loading of child benefit would take account of changes to the value of social security payments over time and, if so, how this would work in practice.

After Clause 1

LORD FARMER

3 After Clause 1, insert the following new Clause—

“Regulations

(1) The Secretary of State may by regulations prescribe the rates from which people to whom child benefit is payable may choose to be paid, in accordance with section 1, and the arrangements for such choices being made and implemented.

(2) Regulations under subsection (1) are to be made by statutory instrument.

- (3) A statutory instrument containing regulations under this section may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause delegates powers to government to develop a front-loaded payment system.

BARONESS SHERLOCK

As an amendment to Amendment 3

- 4★ After subsection (1) insert –

“(1A) Regulations under subsection (1) may not impose additional conditions on people who choose to be paid child benefit in accordance with the mechanism in section 1.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is to probe whether the delegated powers proposed by Lord Farmer would include an ability for the Secretary of State to impose additional conditions on claimants who opt to front-load child benefit payments.

BARONESS SHERLOCK

As an amendment Amendment 3

- 5★ After subsection (1) insert –

“(1A) Regulations under subsection (1) may specify arrangements to apply in the case of changes to a person’s eligibility for child benefit during the qualifying young person’s childhood, including (but not limited to) changes to a child’s care arrangements.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is to probe how the proposed front-loading system would deal with changes to a child’s care arrangements during the course of an ongoing child benefit claim. Such changes may include family breakdown, the death of a parent, adoption, or entry into foster or kinship care.

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