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Clause 1

BARONESS TWYCROSS

Clause 1, page 2, line 5, at end insert "in consultation with relevant higher education sector stakeholders."

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment ensures that, before determining which method is used, the Secretary of State will consult relevant higher education sector stakeholders.

BARONESS TWYCROSS

Clause 1, page 3, line 16, at end insert –

"(4A) Regulations made under this paragraph must provide for the default number of credits to be no more than 20 credits."

Member's explanatory statement

This probing amendment would ensure modules worth 20 credits or more are included within the lifelong learning entitlement.

After Clause 2

BARONESS TWYCROSS

After Clause 2, insert the following Clause –

"Review

- (1) The Secretary of State must conduct an annual review of the operation of the provisions of this Act.
- (2) These reviews must consider the impact of the provisions of this Act on
 - (a) learner uptake of modular study,
 - (b) learner uptake of non-modular part-time study,
 - (c) uptake of modular study amongst learners aged 30-60 years old,

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- (d) employer spending on lifelong learning, re-training and upskilling opportunities for their employees,
- (e) the provision of courses offered by higher education and further education providers,
- (f) the financial sustainability of the tertiary education sector,
- (g) the Student Loans Company, and
- (h) the Office for Students.
- (3) The Secretary of State must lay the report on the findings of the first review before Parliament before the end of 2026."

Member's explanatory statement

This new Clause would require the Secretary of State to annually review the impact of the Act on various aspects of higher education, starting in 2026.

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