

Home School Education Registration and Support Bill [HL]

RUNNING LIST OF ALL AMENDMENTS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

*Tabled up to and including
21 May 2025*

[Amendments marked ★ are new or have been altered]

Clause 1

LORD WEI

★ Clause 1, page 2, line 5, at end insert –

- “(6A) A child is not required to be registered under this section if the parent provides evidence that any one of the following conditions is met –
- (a) a competent home educator with at least five years of personal or professional experience has provided a sworn affidavit affirming that, in their judgment, the parent will be capable of providing a suitable education consistent with their educational philosophy,
 - (b) the parent has arranged and paid for the child to sit at least three externally assessed national qualifications, including but not limited to GCSEs, A-Levels, or accredited vocational awards, or
 - (c) the child is enrolled with a national online school or flexible provider known to support home-educated or otherwise educated children to a suitable standard.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment seeks to exempt families from registration requirements where they can show credible evidence of suitable education through endorsement by an experienced educator, formal qualification entry, or enrolment in a recognised online provider.

LORD WEI

★ Clause 1, page 2, line 5, at end insert –

- “(6A) When determining whether a child is eligible for registration under this section and regulations made under subsection (6), there must be a

presumption that the parent is capable of providing suitable education unless there is evidence to the contrary.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment establishes a legal default that assumes parental competence in home education, unless contrary evidence is presented.

LORD WEI

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Clause 1, page 2, line 5, at end insert —

“(6A) When determining whether a child is eligible for registration under this section and regulations made under subsection (6), refusal of a home visit by the parent must not be treated as evidence of unsuitable education.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment protects the rights of families to privacy in their home, without that decision being treated as grounds for penalty or registration denial.

LORD WEI

Lord Wei gives notice of his intention to oppose the Question that Clause 1 stand part of the Bill.

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment seeks to probe as to whether a register is necessary and lawful under human rights law.

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