

Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill

AMENDMENTS

TO BE MOVED

IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

[Supplementary to the Sixth Marshalled List]

Amendment
No.

Clause 30

LORD WEI

203A★ Clause 30, page 51, leave out lines 2 to 23 and insert—

- “(c) a local authority is—
- (i) conducting enquiries under section 47 of the Children Act 1989 (duty to investigate) in respect of the child, or
 - (ii) taking action under section 47(8) of that Act to safeguard or promote the child's welfare, in a case where the enquiries mentioned in sub-paragraph (i) have led the local authority to conclude that the child is suffering, or is likely to suffer, significant harm (within the meaning of section 31(9) and (10) of that Act).”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment limits consent requirements to safeguarding cases under section 47 of the Children Act 1989. It removes subsection (3) of 434A, recognising special school placement as supportive, not suspicious, and ensures local authorities must evidence actual harm risk, rather than requiring parents to justify withdrawal.

After Clause 50

BARONESS BENNETT OF MANOR CASTLE

447ZB★ After Clause 50, insert the following new Clause—

“Academy order for an academy school to be converted into a school maintained by the local authority

The Academies Act 2010 is amended as follows—

(a) in section 4, after subsection (10) insert –

“(10A) The Secretary of State may make an Academy reversal order to convert an academy school into a school maintained by the local authority if the Secretary of State receives representations from an academy school governing body, staff, parents or the local authority in support of converting the academy school into a maintained school.”;

(b) in section 5, after subsection (1) insert –

“(1A) Before an academy is converted into a maintained school, the Secretary of State must consult such persons as they think appropriate about whether the conversion should take place.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause allows the Secretary of State to make an Academy reversal order in the event that the Secretary of State receives representations from an academy school governing body, staff, parents or the local authority supporting an academy school returning to be maintained by the local authority.

After Clause 62

BARONESS BENNETT OF MANOR CASTLE

502X★ After Clause 62, insert the following new Clause –

“Education about food growing and preparation

- (1) The Secretary of State shall have a duty to promote school pupils’ knowledge of food growing and food preparation, with the aim of ensuring that each pupil spends an average of one hour per week as a minimum during term time in education on such topics.
- (2) The Secretary of State must, within 12 months of the day on which this Act is passed, and every 12 months thereafter, lay before Parliament a report on progress on achieving this goal.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment aims to improve pupils’ exposure to and knowledge of food growing and preparation, with a view towards both improving public health and food security, particularly in times of crisis.

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