

Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill

RUNNING LIST OF ALL AMENDMENTS ON REPORT

*Tabled up to and including
15 October 2025*

[Amendments marked ★ are new or have been altered]

After Clause 4

BARONESS MCINTOSH OF PICKERING
LORD MESTON
BARONESS BURT OF SOLIHULL

After Clause 4, insert the following new Clause –

“Child contact centres: training

- (1) Providers of child contact centres and services must ensure all staff and volunteers have undergone accredited training and know how to –
 - (a) detect domestic abuse;
 - (b) respond to disclosure of abuse;
 - (c) work with multiple organisations and agencies with responsibilities for safeguarding.
- (2) Accredited training under subsection (1) must be provided by the National Association of Child Contact Centres.”

After Clause 27

BARONESS GREY-THOMPSON

After Clause 27, insert the following new Clause –

“Report: barriers to parental support in the care and wellbeing of critically ill children

- (1) Within twelve months of the passing of this Act, the Secretary of State must lay before each House of Parliament a report on the barriers preventing parents of

critically ill children aged between 29 days and 16 years from being by their children's bedsides during periods of hospital care and the impact and potential harms this has on children's care, wellbeing and family life.

- (2) A report laid under subsection (1) must include assessments of –
 - (a) the adequacy of existing measures in facilitating the care, wellbeing and family life of critically ill children aged between 29 days and 16 years by their parents,
 - (b) the barriers facing parents of such children, including –
 - (i) financial pressures,
 - (ii) pressures arising from the parent's existing or future employment commitments, and
 - (iii) mental health difficulties,
 - (c) options for providing additional support to the parents of such children during periods of hospital care, and
 - (d) the impact such additional support would be likely to have on such children's care, wellbeing and family life.
- (3) In preparing the report laid under subsection (1), the Secretary of State must consult –
 - (a) parents of children who have received care in hospital for an extended period,
 - (b) healthcare professionals, and
 - (c) charities and civil society organisations offering support to parents of children receiving care in hospital.
- (4) In preparing a report laid under subsection (1), the Secretary of State must have regard to the UK's international obligations, including under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession by General Assembly resolution 44/25 of 20 November 1989.
- (5) A Minister of the Crown must within the period of 28 Commons sitting days beginning with the laying of a report under subsection (1) make arrangements for a debate on the report by the House of Commons.
- (6) A Minister of the Crown must within the period of 28 Lords sitting days beginning with the laying of a report under subsection (1) make arrangements for a debate on the report by the House of Lords."

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require the Secretary of State to report to Parliament on the barriers preventing parents of critically ill children aged between 29 days and 16 years from being by their bedside during periods of hospital care, including financial and workplace pressures, and mental health needs, and the impact this has on the child's care, wellbeing and family life. The amendment would also provide an opportunity for the consideration of that report by each House of Parliament.

BARONESS PENN

★ After Clause 27, insert the following new Clause—

Guidance on the use of screens and communication with parents and carers in early years settings

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within six months of the day on which this Act is passed, update the early years foundation stage statutory framework for children aged 0 to 5 in early years settings to include guidance on—
 - (a) the appropriate and safe use of screens and digital technology in early years settings, and
 - (b) effective communication with parents and carers about screen use and digital technology.
- (2) The guidance must draw on advice from education and health professionals, researchers and academics including on the following areas—
 - (a) the benefits, harms or risks of harm associated with the exposure of children of differing ages, including children with special educational needs or disabilities, to screens and other digital devices,
 - (b) the balance between screen-based and non-digital activities for children in early years development and play,
 - (c) age-appropriate limits for screen time for children in early years settings,
 - (d) safeguarding policies for the use of personal devices and other screens in early years settings,
 - (e) the impact of carers' and parents' use of personal devices and screens on child wellbeing and development,
 - (f) the importance of screen-free times and environments, such as during meals, bedtimes, and outdoor play, and
 - (g) practical examples and communication strategies for early years practitioners to share with parents and carers to support healthy screen use and promote positive parent-child interaction, including alternatives such as reading together, helping with daily tasks, and engaging with the natural environment."

After Clause 63

LORD NORTON OF LOUTH

After Clause 63, insert the following new Clause—

"Review of the Act

- (1) The Secretary of State must—
 - (a) carry out a review of the operation and effect of this Act,
 - (b) set out the conclusions of the review in a report,
 - (c) publish the report, and
 - (d) lay a copy of the report before Parliament.

- (2) The report must be published before the end of the period of five years beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.”

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