

Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill

AMENDMENTS TO BE MOVED ON REPORT

[Supplementary to the Second Marshalled List]

Amendment
No.

Clause 31

BARONESS BARRAN

121A★ Clause 31, page 55, line 2, insert –

- “(c) conducting or has ever initiated proceedings under section 31 of the Children Act 1989 (care and supervision),
- “(d) providing services to the child or their family under section 17 of the Children Act 1989 (provision of services for children in need, their families, and others),

or has ever conducted enquiries or has ever taken action under section 47 of the Children Act 1989 (local authority's duty to investigate).”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment seeks to ensure local authorities must consent to the withdrawal of a child from school if there are currently, or have ever been, enquiries, proceedings or action initiated in relation to the child under section 31 or 47 of the Children Act 1989 or the child is currently classified as a child in need under section 17 of that Act.

BARONESS BARRAN

121B★ Clause 31, page 55, line 14, at end insert –

- “(za) must consult any other individual with parental responsibility for the child,”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure that the views of a non-resident parent would be sought as part of the local authority's decision whether or not to give consent to a child being home-educated.

BARONESS BARRAN
As an amendment to Amendment 131

131A★ After subsection (8)(b), insert –

- “(c) must request a visit if the local authority has ever taken any action under sections 31 or 47 of the Children Act 1989 or is currently taking action under section 17 of that Act, in relation to the child.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require the local authority to conduct a home visit where a child has ever been subject to care proceedings, named in a child protection plan or is currently classified as a child in need.

Clause 32

BARONESS BARRAN

135B★ Clause 32, page 58, leave out lines 18 to 36

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, linked with others in the name of Baroness Barran, seeks to focus the information required for the register on safeguarding.

BARONESS BARRAN

143A★ Clause 32, page 58, line 37, leave out “or can reasonably obtain it”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, linked with others in the name of Baroness Barran, seeks to focus the information required for the register on safeguarding.

BARONESS BARRAN

143B★ Clause 32, page 59, line 32, at end insert –

- “(ga) whether the local authority has ever made an application under section 31 of Children Act 1989 (care and supervision) in respect of the child or another child in the same household;”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, linked with others in the name of Baroness Barran, seeks to include information in relation to care proceedings both for the child and their siblings in the register on safeguarding.

BARONESS BARRAN

146A★ Clause 32, page 60, leave out lines 4 to 9

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, linked with others in the name of Baroness Barran, seeks to limit the extent of information that the Secretary of State or Welsh Ministers can add to the register.

BARONESS BARRAN

146B★ Clause 32, page 60, leave out lines 10 and 11 and insert –

“(3) Nothing in this section prevents a local authority from requesting further information from a parent in a particular case where the authority has reasonable cause to believe that a child may not be receiving a suitable education or that the child’s welfare may be at risk.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, linked with others in the name of Baroness Barran, seeks to focus the information required for the register on safeguarding.

After Clause 63

BARONESS SATER
BARONESS GREY-THOMPSON

243C★ After Clause 63, insert the following new Clause –

“National strategy for physical education and sport in schools

(1) Within 12 months of the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must publish a national strategy for physical education and sport in schools.

(2) The strategy must include recommendations related to –

- (a) the delivery of a minimum of 60 minutes of school sport and physical activity per day;
- (b) the chief medical officer’s recommended levels of physical activity forming part of the curricular physical education provision within schools;
- (c) physical and mental wellbeing;
- (d) incentivising pupils to continue sport and physical activity throughout their school careers;
- (e) full and integrated sports provision for disabled students;
- (f) enhanced mandatory requirements for teacher training for physical literacy and physical education;
- (g) integrating physical education and sport into the teaching of other school subjects;
- (h) integrating outdoor recreation, non-traditional sport, physical activity and natural facilities into sports provision in schools;
- (i) meeting swimming attainment standards through school sport provision;
- (j) the levels of investment in and effectiveness of primary physical education and sport premium funding;
- (k) the role of volunteering in the teaching of sport and physical education in schools, including qualifications, standards, and engagement of external coaches and parents with qualifications recognised by the governing bodies of sport in Great Britain;
- (l) a duty of care for all schoolchildren participating in sport;

- (m) the development of a list of key performance indicators to measure outcomes of the national strategy;
- (n) enhanced mandatory requirements for teacher training for physical literacy and physical education.

(3) The national strategy must be reviewed, updated and laid before both Houses of Parliament annually.”

BARONESS SPIELMAN
BARONESS BARRAN

243D★ After Clause 63, insert the following new Clause—

“School complaints procedure

- (1) Within 12 months of the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must establish a central complaints handling system for use by—
 - (a) the Department for Education,
 - (b) His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools (“Ofsted”),
 - (c) the Teacher Regulation Agency, and
 - (d) schools in England.
- (2) The system must review the complaint and direct it to the most appropriate person or body.
- (3) The system must enable complaints to be submitted via the GOV.UK website.
- (4) Complaints submitted under the system must be stored in a single database, to which the Department for Education and Ofsted must have access.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment seeks to establish a central complaints system for the education system in England, to avoid the duplication of complaints to multiple organisations.

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