

Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill

AMENDMENTS TO BE MOVED ON REPORT

[Supplementary to the Third Marshalled List]

Amendment No.

After Clause 27

LORD MOHAMMED OF TINSLEY

As an amendment to Amendment 94A

94B★ In subsection (1)(b), at end insert “subject to any exemptions under subsection (1A).

(1A) Any exemptions to regulations made under subsection (1)(b) –

- (a) must be specified only by Ofcom and the Children’s Commissioner acting jointly, and
- (b) can only apply where –
 - (i) the primary purpose of the exemption is to address or mitigate harms arising from social media use by children,
 - (ii) the exemption specifies an alternative minimum age to that provided under subsection (1)(b), and
 - (iii) the provider of the service has demonstrated to the satisfaction of Ofcom and the Children’s Commissioner that it –
 - (A) meets Ofcom’s guidance concerning appropriate, risk-based minimum ages,
 - (B) has due regard to relevant standards and principles of the UK General Data Protection Regulation,
 - (C) has particular regard to the importance of protecting the rights and best interests of children, as recognised by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child,
 - (D) has considered the potential impact of the service on the mental health and psychological wellbeing of children,
 - (E) has investigated the extent to which the service’s design, functionalities or features may encourage addictive or compulsive use, and
 - (F) has considered and reviewed the use of algorithms for content recommendation, amplification or targeted advertising.

(1B) Regulations made under subsection (1)(b) must also provide for—

- (a) periodic review of any exemption to ensure the continuing adequacy of protection for children, and
- (b) amendment or revocation of an exemption where Ofcom and the Children's Commissioner are no longer satisfied as to the matters set out in subsection (1A)(b)(iii)."

LORD MOHAMMED OF TINSLEY

As an amendment to Amendment 94A

94C★ In subsection (5), in the definition for “regulated user-to-user services”, leave out from “2023” to end

Clause 32

LORD HACKING

This amendment is intended to replace Amendment 135

134A★ Clause 32, page 58, leave out lines 17 to 19 and insert—

- “(b) the names and home addresses of the parent or parents who are taking responsibility for the education of the child;”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment seeks to identify the minimum requirement for providing information for the register and ensures that information is only included on parents who have responsibility for educating the child.

After Clause 33

LORD WEI

172A★ After Clause 33, insert the following new Clause—

“Cybersecurity of register

The National Cyber Security Centre (or an equivalent body designated by the Secretary of State) must inspect the arrangements for the security of the register of children not in school established by section 32 and may certify them if—

- (a) they are in line with best practice, and
- (b) testing of the systems is complete.”

After Clause 46

LORD MOHAMMED OF TINSLEY

191A★ After Clause 46, insert the following new Clause—**“Accompaniment at disciplinary and grievance hearings in schools**

- (1) Where a relevant school conducts a disciplinary or grievance hearing in relation to a member of staff, that person is entitled to be accompanied by—
 - (a) a trade union representative or official,
 - (b) a workplace colleague, or
 - (c) a person acting in a professional capacity to provide workplace or employment-related support to the member of staff.
- (2) A person accompanying a member of staff under this section—
 - (a) may address the hearing, put the member of staff's case, sum up that case and respond on the member of staff's behalf to any views expressed at the hearing, and
 - (b) may confer with the member of staff during the hearing, but may not answer questions on the member of staff's behalf or act as a legal representative or advocate.
- (3) Nothing in this section—
 - (a) limits any entitlement to be accompanied by a trade union representative or official under any other enactment, or
 - (b) restricts the rights of trade unions or their members under Article 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights.
- (4) In this section “relevant school” means—
 - (a) an Academy,
 - (b) an alternative provision Academy,
 - (c) a maintained school,
 - (d) a non-maintained special school, or
 - (e) a pupil referral unit.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment provides that a member of staff at a state-funded school may be accompanied at a disciplinary or grievance hearing by a trade union representative, a workplace colleague, or a professional companion providing workplace or employment-related support. It aligns the permitted role and functions of such a companion with section 10 of the Employment Relations Act 1999 and does not permit legal representation or advocacy.

Clause 67

LORD WEI

247A★ Clause 67, page 127, line 29, at end insert “subject to subsection (1A).

(1A) No part of sections 31 to 36 (children not in school) and Schedule 2 (consequential amendments) may be commenced until the duty in section (*Cybersecurity of register*) has been discharged.”

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