

Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill

AMENDMENTS TO BE MOVED ON REPORT

[Supplementary to the Third Marshalled List]

After Clause 50

THE LORD BISHOP OF PORTSMOUTH
BARONESS RITCHIE OF DOWNPATRICK

As an amendment to Amendment 193

In inserted section 122B, in subsection (3), at end of paragraph (b) insert “, and

- (c) any relevant religious body.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, and another in the name of the Lord Bishop of Portsmouth, seeks to ensure that relevant religious bodies are notified directly of the outcome of inspections, as is currently the case in individual school inspections as provided for in section 14 of the Education Act 2005.

THE LORD BISHOP OF PORTSMOUTH
BARONESS RITCHIE OF DOWNPATRICK

As an amendment to Amendment 193

In inserted section 122H, in subsection (3)(a), after sub-paragraph (ii) insert –

- “(iii) any relevant religious body, and”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, and another in the name of the Lord Bishop of Portsmouth, seeks to ensure that relevant religious bodies are notified directly of the outcome of inspections, as is currently the case in individual school inspections as provided for in section 14 of the Education Act 2005.

THE LORD BISHOP OF PORTSMOUTH

As an amendment to Amendment 193

After inserted section 122H, insert –

“Inspection of Academies with a religious character”

122HA Inspection in respect of Academies with a religious character

- (1) This section applies where an Academy proprietor is the proprietor of one or more Academies which have been designated as having a religious character or which are to be treated as having been so designated by virtue of section 6(8) (effect of Academy order) of the Academies Act 2010 (“the relevant Academies”).
- (2) It is the duty of the Academy proprietor to secure that the matters set out in subsection (3) are inspected.
- (3) The matters to be inspected under this section are the quality and effectiveness of the Academy proprietor’s leadership, management and governance in connection with the religious character, ethos and mission of the relevant Academies including –
 - (a) the conduct of each of the relevant Academies in accordance with its trust deed,
 - (b) denominational education and the content of collective worship at the relevant Academies, and
 - (c) the spiritual, moral social and cultural education of the pupils at the relevant Academies.
- (4) An inspection under this section is to be conducted by a person chosen –
 - (a) by the relevant religious body, or
 - (b) if there is more than one relevant religious body, in accordance with an agreement between the relevant religious bodies, or
 - (c) if there is no such agreement, by one of the relevant religious bodies chosen by the Academy proprietor.
- (5) Inspections under this section must be carried out at such intervals as may be prescribed in regulations by the Secretary of State.
- (6) It is the general duty of a person conducting an inspection under this section to report on the matters set out in subsection (3).
- (7) A person conducting an inspection under this section may do so with the assistance of such other persons chosen by him as are in his opinion fit and proper persons for carrying out the inspection.
- (8) When the inspection has been completed, the person conducting the inspection must –
 - (a) before the end of the period prescribed for the purposes of this subsection, prepare in writing a report of the inspection, and
 - (b) send the report to the Academy proprietor.
- (9) The Academy proprietor must –

- (a) make a copy of any report sent to it under subsection (8) available for inspection by members of the public,
- (b) provide a copy of the report, free of charge, on request, and
- (c) take such steps as are reasonably practicable to secure that every registered parent of a pupil at the relevant Academies receives a copy of the report as soon as is reasonably practicable.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment ensures that Academy proprietors with one or more Academies with a religious character are inspected in respect of the religious character, ethos and mission of those academies including those matters which are not to be inspected by Ofsted under this Chapter in accordance with sections 122A(6) and 122C(4).

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