

English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill

AMENDMENTS
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[Supplementary to the Fourth Marshalled List]

Amendment
No.

After Clause 31

BARONESS STEDMAN-SCOTT

122A★ After Clause 31, insert the following new Clause—

“Use of adult skills and employment funding

- (1) Any allocation of funding made to a strategic authority under this Act for the purposes of adult skills, education, or employment support may be used only for activities which—
 - (a) support adult education or skills development, or
 - (b) improve access to employment, progression in work, or participation in the labour market for persons aged 19 and over.
- (2) Allocations of funding under this section must be made on a non-ringfenced basis, and strategic authorities must retain discretion as to the design, commissioning, and delivery of programmes funded under this section.
- (3) Expenditure under subsection (1) may include, but is not limited to—
 - (a) adult education and training provision;
 - (b) skills development, retraining, and upskilling programmes;
 - (c) employment support, careers guidance, and work-readiness initiatives;
 - (d) engagement with employers to support workforce development;
 - (e) outreach activities to increase participation among under-represented groups.
- (4) Funding under this section may not be used for purposes unrelated to adult education or adult employment outcomes, including but not limited to—
 - (a) highways, transport infrastructure, or road maintenance;
 - (b) general capital projects not directly connected to adult skills or employment provision;
 - (c) activities whose primary purpose is economic development unrelated to workforce participation.

(5) Each strategic authority must publish, at such intervals as the Secretary of State may specify, a statement setting out—

- (a) how funding under this section has been used, and
- (b) how such expenditure supports adult education or adult employment opportunities in its area.”

Schedule 11

BARONESS STEDMAN-SCOTT

124A★ Schedule 11, page 173, line 36, at end insert—

- “(1C) In securing provision under subsection (1A), a strategic authority may include education or training delivered as part of a structured transitional pathway into employment, including time-limited programmes combining skills development, employability support and work-related activity.”

BARONESS STEDMAN-SCOTT

124B★ Schedule 11, page 173, line 36, at end insert—

- “(1C) In securing provision under subsection (1A), a strategic authority must have regard to the desirability of programmes which provide a clear pathway from education or training into sustained employment.”

Schedule 20

BARONESS FREEMAN OF STEVENTON

141A★ Schedule 20, page 226, line 12, at end insert—

- “(f) the process for aligning growth measures in the plan with—

 - (i) the protection of species listed in schedules 1, 5 and 6 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981,
 - (ii) nature recovery opportunities, and
 - (iii) other environmental responsibilities.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is designed to give the Secretary of State the opportunity to help local mayoral authorities with published guidance on how to navigate their responsibilities with regard to bird-safe building design and ways to help reverse nature loss within their growth plans.

After Clause 56

BARONESS STEDMAN-SCOTT

196EA★ After Clause 56, insert the following new Clause—

“Devolution of the Youth Guarantee

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide for functions relating to the delivery of the Youth Guarantee in England to be exercisable by strategic authorities.
- (2) Functions devolved under subsection (1) may include responsibility for—
 - (a) the planning, commissioning, and coordination of Youth Guarantee provision;
 - (b) engagement with employers, education providers, and training organisations;
 - (c) integration of Youth Guarantee provision with local education, skills, and employment support services;
 - (d) outreach and engagement with eligible young people.
- (3) Any funding provided to strategic authorities for the purposes of the Youth Guarantee—
 - (a) shall be allocated on a non-ringfenced basis, and
 - (b) must be used for the purposes of supporting participation in education, training, apprenticeships, or employment for eligible young people.
- (4) Regulations made under this section must secure that—
 - (a) the Youth Guarantee continues to operate as a national entitlement, and
 - (b) devolved arrangements do not reduce the minimum level of support available to eligible young people.
- (5) A strategic authority exercising functions under this section must publish information, at such intervals as may be prescribed, setting out—
 - (a) how Youth Guarantee funding has been used, and
 - (b) how provision has been tailored to local labour market conditions.
- (6) Regulations under this section are subject to affirmative resolution procedure.”

BARONESS STEDMAN-SCOTT

196EB★ After Clause 56, insert the following new Clause—

“Mayor-led youth employment programmes and pilots

- (1) The Secretary of State must make provision, by regulations, to enable a strategic authority with a mayor to exercise functions for the purpose of designing, commissioning, and delivering youth employment programmes or pilot schemes.
- (2) Functions conferred under subsection (1) may be exercised only where the mayor of the strategic authority has requested the conferral of such powers.

- (3) Youth employment programmes or pilot schemes under this section may include—
 - (a) employment, training, or apprenticeship opportunities for young people;
 - (b) wage subsidies, supported employment, or work placement schemes;
 - (c) partnerships with employers, education providers, or voluntary organisations;
 - (d) targeted interventions for young people at risk of long-term unemployment or economic inactivity.
- (4) Where functions are exercised under this section, the Secretary of State may provide funding to the strategic authority, which—
 - (a) shall be allocated on a non-ringfenced basis, and
 - (b) must be used for the purposes of youth employment or participation in the labour market.
- (5) Regulations made under this section may provide for—
 - (a) time-limited pilot schemes,
 - (b) evaluation requirements, and
 - (c) the sharing of learning from such programmes across strategic authorities.
- (6) Regulations under this section are subject to affirmative resolution procedure.”

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