

Welfare Reform and Work Bill

LORDS NON-INSISTENCE AND AMENDMENTS IN LIEU

[The page and line references are to HL Bill 69, the bill as first printed for the Lords.]

LORDS AMENDMENT 1

Before Clause 4

1 Insert the following new Clause—

“Child poverty

Child poverty: reporting obligation

- (1) The Secretary of State must lay before each House of Parliament an annual report on child poverty.
- (2) The report must include information on the percentage of children living in households where—
 - (a) equivalised net income for the financial year is less than 60% of median equivalised net household income for the most recent financial year;
 - (b) equivalised net income for the financial year is less than 70% of median equivalised net household income for the most recent financial year, and which experience material deprivation;
 - (c) equivalised net income for the financial year is less than 60% of median equivalised net household income for the financial year beginning 1 April 2010, adjusted in a prescribed manner to take account of changes in the value of money since that year; and
 - (d) equivalised net income has been less than 60% of median equivalised net household income in at least 3 of the survey years.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2)(d), the survey years are the calendar year that ends in the financial year addressed in subsection (2)(a) and (b), and the 3 preceding calendar years.”

COMMONS DISAGREEMENT AND REASON

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 1 for the following reason—

1A *Because it is more appropriate to report on the matters listed in clause 4 and because low-income statistics are already published annually.*

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The Lords do not insist on their Amendment 1, but do propose Amendments 1B, 1C and 1D in lieu –

1B Insert the following new Clause –

“Children living in low-income households

Publication of data on children living in low-income households

- (1) Before the end of the financial year beginning with 1 April 2016 and each subsequent financial year the Secretary of State must publish data on the percentage of children in the United Kingdom –
 - (a) who live in households whose equivalised net income for the relevant financial year is less than 60% of median equivalised net household income for that financial year;
 - (b) who live in households whose equivalised net income for the relevant financial year is less than 70% of median equivalised net household income for that financial year, and who experience material deprivation;
 - (c) who live in households whose equivalised net income for the relevant financial year is less than 60% of median equivalised net household income for the financial year beginning 1 April 2010, adjusted to take account of changes in the value of money since that financial year;
 - (d) who live in households whose equivalised net income has been less than 60% of median equivalised net household income in at least 3 of the last 4 survey periods.
- (2) The published data must be accompanied by information on how the Secretary of State has approached the following for the purpose of the data –
 - (a) the meaning of “child”;
 - (b) the meaning of “household”;
 - (c) when a child is or is not living in a household;
 - (d) what is the income of a household for a financial year;
 - (e) what deductions are made in calculating the net income of a household;
 - (f) how net household income is equivalised;
 - (g) when a child experiences material deprivation;
 - (h) how household income is adjusted to take account of changes in the value of money since the financial year beginning 1 April 2010;
 - (i) the meaning of “survey period”.
- (3) The published data may be accompanied by information as to how and when the references in subsections (1) and (2) to the financial year beginning 1 April 2010 are to be read as references to a later financial year.
- (4) In this section –

“equivalised”, in relation to household income, means adjusted to take account of variations in household size and composition;

“financial year” means the 12 months ending with 31 March;

“relevant financial year”, in relation to a financial year in which data is to be published, means the most recent financial year for which the data is available.”

Clause 30

- 1C Page 26, line 38, after “sections” insert “(*Publication of data on children living in low-income households*)”

Clause 31

- 1D Page 27, line 30, after “sections” insert “(*Publication of data on children living in low-income households*)”

LORDS AMENDMENT 8

Clause 13

- 8 Leave out Clause 13

COMMONS DISAGREEMENT AND REASON

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 8 for the following reason –

- 8A *Because it would alter the financial arrangements made by the Commons, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.*

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The Lords do not insist on their Amendment 8, but do propose Amendments 8B and 8C in lieu –

- 8B Page 14, line 24, at end insert –

- “(8) Subsections (2) and (3) shall not come into force until the Secretary of State has laid before both Houses of Parliament a report giving his or her estimate of the impact of the provisions in those subsections on the –
- (a) physical and mental health,
 - (b) financial situation, and
 - (c) ability to return to work,
- of persons who would otherwise be entitled to start claiming the work-related activity component of employment and support allowance.
- (9) Regulations bringing subsections (2) and (3) into force shall not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.”

Clause 31

- 8C Page 28, line 2, at end insert “, subject to section 13(8) and (9)”

LORDS AMENDMENT 9

Clause 14

9 Leave out Clause 14

COMMONS DISAGREEMENT AND REASON

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 9 for the following reason –

9A *Because it would alter the financial arrangements made by the Commons, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.*

LORDS NON-INSISTENCE AND AMENDMENTS IN LIEU

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment 9, but do propose Amendments 9B and 9C in lieu –

9B Page 14, line 27, at end insert –

- “(2) This section shall not come into force until the Secretary of State has laid before both Houses of Parliament a report giving his or her estimate of the impact of the provision in this section on the –
- (a) physical and mental health,
 - (b) financial situation, and
 - (c) ability to return to work,
- of persons who would otherwise be entitled to start claiming the limited capability for work element of universal credit.
- (3) Regulations bringing this section into force shall not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.”

Clause 31

9C Page 28, line 2, at end insert “and subject to section 14(2) and (3)”

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