CONSIDERATION OF BILL (REPORT STAGE)

CHILDREN AND SOCIAL WORK BILL [LORDS], AS AMENDED

NOTE

This document includes all amendments tabled to date and includes any withdrawn amendments at the end. The amendments have been arranged in the order in which they relate to the Bill.

NEW CLAUSES

Stella Creasy
Kate Green
Helen Hayes

To move the following Clause—

“Safeguarding: provision of personal, social and health education

(1) For the purpose of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children a local authority in England must ensure that pupils educated in their area receive appropriate personal, social and health education.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1) “personal, social and health education” must include but shall not be restricted to—

(a) sex and relationships education,
(b) same-sex relationships,
(c) sexual consent,
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(d) sexual violence,
(e) online and offline personal safety, and
(f) domestic violence and forms of abuse.

(3) Targeted inspections carried out by the Office for Standards in Education, Children’s Services and Skills (Ofsted) under section 136 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 shall include an assessment of the provision of personal, social and health education under subsection (1), including whether the information provided to pupils is—
(a) accurate and balanced,
(b) age-appropriate,
(c) inclusive,
(d) factual, and
(e) religiously diverse.

(4) Assessments made under subsection (3) must include an evaluation of any arrangements for pupils of sufficient maturity to request to be wholly or partly excused from participating in personal, social and health education.

(5) For the purpose of subsection (4) “sufficient maturity” shall be defined in guidance by the Secretary of State.

(6) Withdrawal from personal, social and health education by pupils under subsection (4) shall not be considered a breach of the safeguarding duties of a local authority.

(7) This section comes into force at the end of the period of twelve months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.”

Mr David Burrowes

To move the following Clause—

“Post-removal counselling for parents and legal guardians who are themselves looked after children or care leavers

After section 19 of the Children Act 1989 insert—

“19A Post-removal counselling for parents and legal guardians

Where a child is permanently removed from the care of a birth parent or a guardian under the powers in section 31 of the Children Act 1989 (care and supervision orders), a local authority must, so far as is reasonably practicable, provide a counselling service and commission therapeutic support for the parent or guardian where—
(a) the parent or guardian is a looked after child, or
(b) the parent or guardian is a care leaver.”

Member’s explanatory statement
This new clause would provide post-removal support for parents who are themselves a looked after child or care leaver.
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Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

-To move the following Clause—

“Sibling contact for looked after children

(1) In section 34(1) of the Children Act 1989, after paragraph (d) insert—

“(e) his siblings (whether of the whole or half blood).”

(2) In paragraph 15(1) of Schedule 2 to the Children Act 1989, after paragraph (c) insert—

“(d) his siblings (whether of the whole or half blood).”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause would ensure that children in care are allowed reasonable contact with their siblings.

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

To move the following Clause—

“Placing children in secure accommodation elsewhere in Great Britain

(1) Schedule (Placing children in secure accommodation elsewhere in Great Britain) ends at the end of the period of two years beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause would revoke provisions in the Bill that enable local authorities in England and Wales to place children in secure accommodation in Scotland, and vice versa, two years after the Act comes into force.

Stella Creasy

Clause 16, page 13, line 34, at end insert “, including unaccompanied refugee children once placed in the area, and unaccompanied refugee children who have been identified for resettlement in the area.”

Frank Field

Clause 16, page 13, line 34, at end insert—

“(1A) The safeguarding partners for a local authority area in England must conduct and publish a review of the steps taken by that local authority to safeguard and promote the welfare of children since 1 June 2010, including an assessment of the impact of Government policies since that date.

(1B) The Government policies to be considered under subsection (1A) are those deemed by the safeguarding partners to be relevant to the safeguarding and welfare of children.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would require the safeguarding partners for a local authority area in England to
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conduct a review of steps they have taken to safeguard and promote the welfare of children since 1 June 2010, including an assessment of the impact of Government policies since that date.

Stella Creasy

Clause 22, page 17, line 30, at end insert—
“(3) Guidance given by the Secretary of State in connection with functions conferred by section 16E in relation to unaccompanied refugee children must be developed in accordance with the 1989 Convention on the Rights of the Child.”

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

☆ Page 20, line 23, leave out Clause 32

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☆ Page 21, line 33, leave out Clause 33

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☆ Page 22, line 3, leave out Clause 34

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☆ Page 22, line 27, leave out Clause 35

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☆ Page 22, line 36, leave out Clause 36
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ORDER OF THE HOUSE [5 DECEMBER 2016]

That the following provisions shall apply to the Children and Social Work Bill [Lords]:

Committal

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 17 January 2017.

3. The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Proceedings on Consideration and up to and including Third Reading

4. Proceedings on Consideration and proceedings in legislative grand committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.

5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.

6. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and up to and including Third Reading.

Other proceedings

7. Any other proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of any message from the Lords) may be programmed.