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**Committee Stage: Thursday 2 December 2021**

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## **Skills and Post-16 Education Bill [Lords]** **(Committee Stage Decisions)**

This document sets out the fate of each clause, schedule, amendment and new clause considered at committee stage. A glossary with key terms can be found at the end of this document.

First to Fourth SITTINGS

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### *FIRST AND SECOND SITTINGS*

Alex Burghart

**Agreed to**

That—

1. the Committee shall (in addition to its first meeting at 9.25 am on Tuesday 30 November) meet—
  - (a) at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 30 November;
  - (b) at 11.30 am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 2 December;
  - (c) at 9.25 am and 2.00 pm on Tuesday 7 December;
2. the proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at 5.00 pm on Tuesday 7 December.

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Alex Burghart

**Agreed to**

That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication.

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Alex Burghart

**Agreed to** 4

Clause 1, page 2, line 21, leave out “subsection (6)” and insert “subsections (6) and (6A)”

<hr/> <p>Alex Burghart</p> <p>Clause 1, page 2, line 32, at end insert—</p> <p>“(6A) Where a specified area covers any of the area of a relevant authority, the Secretary of State may approve and publish a local skills improvement plan for the specified area only if satisfied that in the development of the plan due consideration was given to the views of the relevant authority.</p> <p>For this purpose “relevant authority” means—</p> <p>(a) a mayoral combined authority within the meaning of Part 6 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (see section 107A(8) of that Act), or</p> <p>(b) the Greater London Authority.”</p>	<p><b>Agreed to</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p>
<hr/> <p>Alex Burghart</p> <p>Clause 1, page 2, line 35, leave out from “body” to “for” in line 37</p>	<p><b>Agreed to on division</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p>
<hr/> <p>Alex Burghart</p> <p>Clause 1, page 2, line 40, leave out from beginning to “and” in line 6 on page 3</p>	<p><b>Agreed to on division</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
<hr/> <p>Emma Hardy</p> <p>Clause 1, page 3, line 4, at end insert—</p> <p>“(iv) groups representing the interests of people with disabilities,”</p>	<p><b>Withdrawn after debate</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>
<hr/> <p>Mr Toby Perkins Matt Western</p> <p>Clause 1, page 3, line 4, at end insert—</p> <p>“(iv) Local Enterprise Partnerships and the skills and productivity board,”</p>	<p><b>Withdrawn after debate</b></p>	<p><b>33</b></p>
<hr/> <p>Sarah Champion Marsha De Cordova Paula Barker Tony Lloyd Ian Lavery Mr Virendra Sharma Ruth Cadbury Kate Osborne Wera Hobhouse</p> <p>Rushanara Ali Mr Clive Betts Munira Wilson</p> <p>Ms Marie Rimmer Kim Leadbeater</p> <p>Clause 1, page 3, line 6, after “evidence” insert “, including the views of relevant community groups including those representing the interests of disabled people,”</p>	<p><b>Negatived on division</b></p>	<p><b>1</b></p>

_____	Alex Burghart	<b>Agreed to on division</b>	<b>8</b>
	Clause 1, page 3, line 8, leave out "by people resident"		
_____	Alex Burghart	<b>Agreed to on division</b>	<b>9</b>
	Clause 1, page 3, line 9, leave out "and other local bodies"		
_____	Alex Burghart	<b>Agreed to</b>	<b>10</b>
	Clause 1, page 3, line 10, after "any" insert "English-funded"		
_____	Sarah Champion Marsha De Cordova Paula Barker Tony Lloyd Ian Lavery Mr Virendra Sharma Ruth Cadbury Kate Osborne Wera Hobhouse	<b>Not called</b>	<b>2</b>
	Rushanara Ali Mr Clive Betts Munira Wilson	Ms Marie Rimmer Kim Leadbeater	
	Clause 1, page 3, line 12, at end insert— “(d) identifies actions to be taken to reduce the disability employment gap within the specified area.”		
_____	Emma Hardy	<b>Not called</b>	<b>28</b>
	Clause 1, page 3, line 12, at end insert— “(d) identifies positive actions to reduce the disability employment gap within the specified area.”		
_____	Mr Toby Perkins Matt Western	<b>Not called</b>	<b>34</b>
	Clause 1, page 3, line 12, at end insert— “(d) lists specific strategies to support learners who have or have previously had, a statement of Special Educational Need or an Education and Health Care Plan into employment, including but not limited to provision for supported internships.”		
_____	Mr Toby Perkins Matt Western	<b>Not called</b>	<b>38</b>
	Clause 1, page 3, line 12, at end insert— “(d) takes account of a provider of designated distance learning courses that are undertaken by residents of the specified area.”		

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Mr Toby Perkins **Not called** 39  
 Matt Western

Clause 1, page 3, line 12, at end insert—

“(d) these conditions to include the requirement for the LSIP to give due regard to a national strategy for education and skills, which is agreed across the Department for Education, Department for Work and Pensions, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, and the Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities.”

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Mr Toby Perkins **Not called** 40  
 Matt Western

Clause 1, page 3, line 12, at end insert—

“(7A) The Secretary of State must prepare and publish guidance setting out the criteria used to determine the boundaries of a specified area for the purpose of this section.”

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Mr Toby Perkins **Negated on division** 41  
 Matt Western

Clause 1, page 3, line 12, at end insert—

“(7A) Before local skills improvement plans are introduced outside of trailblazer areas, the Secretary of State must publish guidance relating to their implementation, subject to consultation of all Mayoral Combined Authorities and, where there is not one, the relevant local authority.”

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Mr Toby Perkins **Not called** 44  
 Matt Western

Clause 1, page 3, line 12, at end insert—

“(7A) Colleges and other providers may propose revisions where they consider that the plans do not appropriately reflect the full diversity of priorities across the locality.”

*Clause, as amended, agreed to.*

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Mr Toby Perkins **Withdrawn after debate** 35  
 Matt Western

Clause 2, page 3, line 22, after “the” and before “employers” insert “public and private sector”

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Mr Toby Perkins **Not called** **45**  
 Matt Western

Clause 2, page 3, line 22, leave out “reasonably”

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Mr Toby Perkins **Not called** **36**  
 Matt Western

Clause 2, page 3, line 22, after “employers” insert “, local Further Education colleges, independent training providers, local authority (including Mayoral combined authorities) and Local enterprise partnerships”

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Mr Toby Perkins **Not called** **46**  
 Matt Western

Clause 2, page 3, line 23, after “area,” insert “including the interests of small and medium sized enterprises, the self-employed and public and voluntary sector employers,”

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Sarah Champion **Not called** **3**  
 Emma Hardy  
 Marsha De Cordova  
 Paula Barker  
 Tony Lloyd  
 Ian Lavery  
 Mr Virendra Sharma Ruth Cadbury Rushanara Ali  
 Ms Marie Rimmer Kate Osborne Mr Clive Betts  
 Kim Leadbeater Wera Hobhouse Munira Wilson

Clause 2, page 3, line 23, at end insert—

“(iii) the body is composed of employers who demonstrate reputable practice in relation to equality and diversity in employment, including in relation to disability, and”

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Mr Toby Perkins **Negated on division** **37**  
 Matt Western

Clause 2, page 3, line 23, at end insert—

“(iii) in the event that there is no body in the local area that is representative of the organisations listed under subsection (1)(a)(ii) the Secretary of State will instruct the Local Enterprise Partnership or Metro mayor to bring together a board which is representative of all the organisations outlined in subsection (1)(a)(ii), who will take on responsibility for drawing up the local skills improvement plan.”

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Mr Toby Perkins **Not called** 42  
 Matt Western

Clause 2, page 3, line 25, at end insert—

- “(c) the Secretary of State has received in writing the consent of the relevant local authority or Mayoral Combined Authority.”

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### THIRD AND FOURTH SITTINGS

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Mr Toby Perkins **Negatived on division** 43  
 Matt Western

Clause 2, page 3, line 27, leave out “as the Secretary of State considers appropriate” and insert “, including—

- “(a) the requirement for the local skills improvement plan to give due regard to relevant national and regional strategies, including in respect of the Decarbonisation Strategy,  
 (b) a requirement for employer representative bodies to publish a conflicts of interest policy for all those involved in approving plans or allocating funds which records actual or perceived conflicts of interests, and  
 (c) anything else the Secretary of State considers appropriate.”

*Clause agreed to.*

*Clause 3 agreed to.*

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Alex Burghart **Agreed to** 11

Clause 4, page 5, line 35, after “institution” insert “in England”

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Alex Burghart **Agreed to** 12

Clause 4, page 5, line 38, leave out “a” and insert “an English”

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Alex Burghart **Agreed to** 13

Clause 4, page 5, line 40, after “provider” insert “whose activities, so far as they relate to the provision of post-16 technical education or training, are carried on, or partly carried on, in England”

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Alex Burghart **Agreed to** 14  
Clause 4, page 5, line 41, at end insert "in England"

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Alex Burghart **Agreed to** 15  
Clause 4, page 6, line 9, leave out "in respect of which amounts are" and insert "funded, wholly or partly, by amounts"

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Alex Burghart **Agreed to** 16  
Clause 4, page 6, line 10, leave out "by the Secretary of State"

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Alex Burghart **Agreed to** 17  
Clause 4, page 6, line 11, after "made" insert "by the Secretary of State"

*Clause, as amended, agreed to.*

*Clause 5 agreed to.*

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Mr Toby Perkins **Negated on division** 32  
Matt Western  
Clause 6, page 7, line 23, at end insert—  
“(2A) The Institute shall perform a review of the operation of the apprenticeship levy, paying particular regard to ensuring that sufficient apprenticeships at level 3 and below are available.”

*Clause agreed to.*

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Mr Toby Perkins **Withdrawn after debate** 47  
Matt Western  
Clause 7, page 10, line 37, at end insert—  
“(2A) Notwithstanding the provision in subsection (2), the Secretary of State will appoint by regulations a body other than the Institute to withdraw approval of a technical education qualification at Level 3.”

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Alex Burghart **Agreed to on division** 18  
 Clause 7, page 10, leave out lines 38 to 40

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Alex Burghart **Agreed to on division** 19  
 Clause 7, page 10, leave out lines 41 and 42

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Mr Toby Perkins **Negatived on division** 48  
 Matt Western

Clause 7, page 11, line 19, at end insert—

“(10) The Secretary of State must publish criteria to define what is meant by “high quality qualifications”, which can be used as a framework for future deliberations about any defunding of qualifications.

(11) Any future defunding of qualifications must be reviewed by an appointed independent panel of experts, against the criteria set out in subsection (10).

(12) The Secretary of State must publish the proposed list of Level 3 vocational and technical qualifications which are proposed to be defunded, based on the criteria as set out in subsection (10), within 3 months of this Act receiving royal assent.”

*Clause, as amended, agreed to.*

*Clause 8 and 9 agreed to.*

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Mr Toby Perkins **Withdrawn after debate** 49  
 Matt Western

Clause 10, page 14, line 17, leave out paragraph (a)

*Clause agreed to.*

*Clauses 11 to 13 agreed to.*

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**Adjourned until Tuesday 7 December at 9.25 am**

## Glossary

**Added:** New Clause agreed without a vote and added to the Bill.

**Agreed to:** agreed without a vote.

**Agreed to on division:** agreed following a vote.

**Negated:** rejected without a vote.

**Negated on division:** rejected following a vote.

**Not called:** debated in a group of amendments, but not put to a decision.

**Not moved:** not debated or put to a decision.

**Question proposed:** debate underway but not concluded.

**Withdrawn after debate:** moved and debated but then withdrawn, so not put to a decision.

**Not selected:** not chosen for debate by the Chair.

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