

Benefit Cap (Report on Abolition) Bill

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BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Report to Parliament on effect of abolition of the benefit cap

- (1) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament a report containing an assessment of the likely effects of the abolition of the benefit cap.
- (2) A report laid under this Act must include an assessment of the likely effects of the abolition of the benefit cap on levels of—
 - (a) absolute and relative poverty,
 - (b) poor mental health,
 - (c) food bank use,
 - (d) borrowing of money from friends and family,
 - (e) evictions from homes, and
 - (f) problem debt.
- (3) A report laid under this Act must include an assessment of the likely effects of the abolition of the benefit cap on different groups of people, including—
 - (a) women,
 - (b) lone parents, and
 - (c) people from Black and minority ethnic backgrounds.
- (4) A report under this section must be laid before Parliament in 2022.
- (5) In this section, “the benefit cap” means any benefit cap provided for in regulations made under section 96 of the Welfare Reform Act 2012.

2 Commencement and short title

- (1) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (2) This Act may be cited as the Benefit Cap (Report on Abolition) Act 2022.

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