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Report Stage: Wednesday 3 May 2023

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# Lifelong Learning (Higher Education Fee Limits) Bill

## (Amendment Paper)

This document lists all amendments tabled to the Lifelong Learning (Higher Education Fee Limits) Bill. Any withdrawn amendments are listed at the end of the document. The amendments are arranged in the order in which it is expected they will be decided.

This document should be read alongside the Speaker's provisional selection and grouping, which sets out the order in which the amendments will be debated.

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**Matt Western**

NC1

Mr Toby Perkins

To move the following Clause—

**“Review**

- (1) The Secretary of State must conduct an annual review of the operation of the provisions of this Act.
- (2) The first review must take into account the interaction of this Act with Level 4 lifelong loan entitlement provision in the 2025/26 academic year.
- (3) The review must consider the impact of the provisions of this Act on—
  - (a) learner uptake of modular study,
  - (b) employer spending on lifelong learning, re-training and upskilling opportunities for their employees,
  - (c) the provision of courses offered by higher education and further education providers,
  - (d) the financial sustainability of the tertiary education sector,
  - (e) the Student Loans Company, and
  - (f) the Office for Students.
- (4) The Secretary of State must lay the report on the findings of the first review before Parliament before the end of 2026.”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This new clause would require the Secretary of State to conduct and publish a review on the impact of the Act on various factors after the extension of the Lifelong Loan Entitlement to Level 4 courses in Academic Year 2025/26 but not before the extension of the Lifelong Loan Entitlement to Level 4, 5 and 6 in Academic Year 2027/28, and then annually.

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**Matt Western**

NC2

Mr Toby Perkins

To move the following Clause—

**“Requirement to publish a revised impact assessment**

- (1) Before laying the first regulations under this Act, the Secretary of State must prepare and publish a revised impact assessment.
- (2) The impact assessment must take account of, in particular—
  - (a) the Lifelong Loan Entitlement Consultation and the Government’s response,
  - (b) any spending review decisions announced after the date on which the Act received Royal Assent, and
  - (c) any announced changes to Government skills and education policy.”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This new clause would require the Secretary of State to publish a revised impact assessment of the Bill with regard to recently announced and future changes related to the Lifelong Loan Entitlement policy.

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**Munira Wilson**

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Clause 1, page 2, line 10, at end insert—

“(1A) One credit means 10 notional learning hours.”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment puts the number of hours that constitute a credit on the face of the Bill.

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**Munira Wilson**

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Clause 2, page 6, leave out lines 17 to 20 and insert—

“(7A) Nothing in subsection (7) requires the Secretary of State to make regulations under subsection (6) to set fee limits for courses which have not been designated by or under regulations made by the Secretary of State in accordance with section 22 of the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998.”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment safeguards against charging variable fees based on course or subject.

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**Matt Western**

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Mr Toby Perkins

Clause 3, page 8, line 36, after "may" insert "until 30 September 2024"

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment is a probing amendment that would limit the use of saving and transitional measures to 30 September 2024.

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**Matt Western**

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Mr Toby Perkins

Clause 3, page 8, line 38, at end insert—

“(6A) A statutory instrument containing (whether alone or with other provisions) regulations under this Act shall not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment would require that regulations made under this Act are subject to the affirmative procedure.

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**Matt Western**

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Mr Toby Perkins

Clause 3, page 8, line 38, at end insert—

“(6A) Before laying the first regulations under the 2017 Act, the Secretary of State must make a written ministerial statement updating the House of Commons on the progress made in the Lifelong Loan Entitlement roll out and outlining how the regulations will support further policy development.”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment would require the Secretary of State to publish a written ministerial statement ahead of laying any regulations under this Act, updating the House on the progress of the Lifelong Loan Entitlement policy and how the regulations aim to support the policy.

## Order of the House

[27 February 2023]

That the following provisions shall apply to the Lifelong Learning (Higher Education Fee Limits) Bill:

### **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 28 March 2023.
3. The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

### **Proceedings on Consideration and on Third Reading**

4. Proceedings on Consideration 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 Third Reading.

### **Other proceedings**

7. Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.