

Children in Hospital for Extended Periods (Report to Parliament) Bill

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BE IT ENACTED by the King'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

- (1) Within six months of the passing of this Act, the Secretary of State must lay before Parliament a report on the merits of providing financial support for parents of children receiving care in hospital for extended periods.
- (2) A report laid under subsection (1) must include— 5
 - (a) an assessment of the adequacy of existing policies and legislation, and
 - (b) an assessment of the likely effect on parents and children of the provision of additional financial support.
- (3) In preparing the report laid under subsection (1), the Secretary of State must consult— 10
 - (a) parents of children who have received care in hospital for an extended period,
 - (b) healthcare professionals,
 - (c) charities and civil society organisations offering support to parents of children receiving care in hospital. 15

2 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Children in Hospital for Extended Periods (Report to Parliament) Act 2023. 20

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