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Report Stage: Thursday 13 February 2025

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# Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill, As Amended

## (Amendment Paper)

This document lists all amendments tabled to the Children's Wellbeing and Schools 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 Any withdrawn amendments are listed at the end of the document.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.

★ New Amendments.

☆ Amendments which will comply with the required notice period at their next appearance.

New Amendments: 2 and NC1 to NC4

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**Helen Hayes**

**NC1**

Jess Asato  
Caroline Voaden  
Mark Swards  
Mrs Sureena Brackenridge  
Manuela Perteghella

★ To move the following Clause—

**“Free school meals: automatic enrolment of eligible**

- (1) In section 512ZB of the Education Act 1996 (provision of free school lunches and milk), omit subsection (2)(b)”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment would remove the requirement in the Education Act 1996 for eligible children to request free school meals of their local authority.

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**Helen Hayes**

**NC2**

Jess Asato  
Caroline Voaden  
Mark Swards  
Mrs Sureena Brackenridge  
Manuela Perteghella

★ To move the following Clause—

**“Review of the Act**

- (1) The Secretary of State must from time to time—
  - (a) carry out a review of the impact of the provisions of this Act; and
  - (b) publish a report setting out the conclusions of the review.
- (2) A first report under subsection (1) must be published within 12 months of the passing of this Act, with subsequent reports published at intervals not exceeding 5 years.
- (3) A report published under this section must, in particular—
  - (a) set out the objectives intended to be achieved by the provisions of this Act;
  - (b) assess the extent to which those objectives are achieved; and
  - (c) assess whether those objectives remain appropriate.”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This new clause would require the Secretary of State to conduct regular reviews of the impact of this Act and publish reports.

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**Helen Hayes**

**NC3**

Mrs Sureena Brackenridge  
Mark Swards  
Manuela Perteghella  
Caroline Voaden  
Jess Asato

★ To move the following Clause—

**“National Care Offer**

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within 18 months of the passing of this Act, publish a document (the “National Care Offer”) which sets out the minimum standards of information that local authorities must publish under section 2 of the Children and Social Work Act 2017 (local offer for care leavers).
- (2) Before publishing or revising the National Care Offer, the Secretary of State must consult with persons that appear to the Secretary of State to represent the interests of care leavers.
- (3) Where a consultation under subsection (2) results in recommendations to be made to the National Care Offer, the Secretary of State must—
  - (a) make the recommended changes or otherwise implement the recommendations; or
  - (b) where not intending to make the recommended changes or otherwise implement the recommendations, publish a response to the consultation outlining the reasons for the Secretary of State’s decision and the action that will be taken instead.”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This new clause would require the Secretary of State to consult on and publish a draft National Care Offer, which sets minimum standards for local care offers, within 18 months of this Act coming into force.

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**Helen Hayes**

NC4

Mrs Sureena Brackenridge  
Mark Swards  
Manuela Perteghella  
Caroline Voaden  
Jess Asato

★ To move the following Clause—

**“Health assessments to include mental health practitioner**

In regulation 7 of the Care Planning, Placement and Case Review (England) Regulations 2010, after “practitioner” in paragraph (1) insert “and a registered mental health practitioner”.

**Member's explanatory statement**

This new clause would make an assessment of the mental health of children in care a core part of the health assessment of those children by ensuring a mental health practitioner is involved in the assessment.

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**Helen Hayes**

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Jess Asato  
Caroline Voaden  
Mark Swards  
Mrs Sureena Brackenridge  
Manuela Perteghella

★ Clause 21, page 41, line 10, at end insert—

“(2) The appropriate authority must, in securing breakfast club provision, make provision for the needs of qualifying children listed on the school’s Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Register.”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment would require the providers of breakfast clubs to make particular provision for the needs of children on schools’ Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Registers.

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**Munira Wilson**

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☆ Clause 23, page 44, leave out lines 22 to 29 and insert—

“(1) The appropriate authority of a relevant school may not require a pupil at the school to have to buy branded items of school uniform for use during a school

year which cost more in total to purchase than a specified monetary amount, to be reviewed annually.

- (1A) The Secretary of State may by regulations specify the monetary amount that may apply to—
- (a) a primary pupil; and
  - (b) a secondary pupil.”

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## Order of the House

[8 January 2025]

That the following provisions shall apply to the Children’s Wellbeing and Schools 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 11 February.
3. The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

### **Consideration and 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.