

Welfare Reform and Work Bill

AMENDMENTS TO BE MOVED IN COMMITTEE

Clause 1

BARONESS SHERLOCK
LORD MCKENZIE OF LUTON

Page 1, line 4, leave out from “employment” to end of line 6 and insert –

- “() The report under subsection (1) must set out the progress that has been made towards lowering the disability employment gap.
- () In this section “full employment” means that 80 per cent of the working age population are in employment.”

Clause 2

BARONESS SHERLOCK
LORD MCKENZIE OF LUTON

Page 1, line 16, after “target,” insert –

- “() information about the uptake of apprenticeships broken down by region, age, ethnicity, disability, sector, qualification and level,
- () a report by the UK Commission on Employment and Skills on the quality of apprenticeships being provided,”

Clause 3

BARONESS SHERLOCK
LORD MCKENZIE OF LUTON

Page 3, line 10, at end insert –

- “() A report prepared under this section must include information regarding the adequacy of resources given to local authorities to fund the support provided for troubled families.”

Clause 4

BARONESS LISTER OF BURTERSETT
LORD KIRKWOOD OF KIRKHOPE

Page 4, line 38, at end insert –

“(e) children in low income households where one or both parents are in work.”

Page 5, line 4, at end insert –

“(g) low income;
(h) in work.”

Clause 5

BARONESS LISTER OF BURTERSETT
LORD KIRKWOOD OF KIRKHOPE

Page 5, line 19, leave out “*Social Mobility*” and insert “*Life Chances*”

Page 5, line 20, leave out “**Social Mobility**” and insert “**Life Chances**”

Page 5, line 22, leave out “Social Mobility” and insert “Life Chances”

Page 5, line 29, leave out “**social mobility**” and insert “**life chances**”

Page 5, line 30, leave out “social mobility” and insert “life chances”

Page 5, line 32, leave out “social mobility” and insert “life chances”

Page 5, line 35, leave out “social mobility” and insert “life chances”

Page 6, line 10, leave out “social mobility” and insert “life chances”

Page 6, line 12, leave out “Social Mobility” and insert “Life Chances”

The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 5 stand part of the Bill.

Clause 6

BARONESS SHERLOCK
LORD McKENZIE OF LUTON

Page 6, line 15, leave out “1” and insert “8”

Clause 7

BARONESS SHERLOCK
LORD McKENZIE OF LUTON

Page 8, line 22, leave out subsection (2)

Clause 7 – continued

BARONESS LISTER OF BURTERSETT
LORD KIRKWOOD OF KIRKHOPE

Page 8, line 38, at end insert –

“() In subsection (9) at end insert –

“(d) provision for which would result in a breach of a person’s convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).”

BARONESS SHERLOCK
LORD MCKENZIE OF LUTON

Page 9, leave out lines 3 and 4

Page 9, leave out lines 5 and 6

Page 9, leave out lines 11 and 12

Page 9, leave out lines 23 and 24

Page 9, leave out lines 30 and 31

Page 9, leave out lines 32 and 33

Page 9, line 35, at end insert –

“() After subsection (11) insert –

“() Persons who have been placed in temporary accommodation by a local authority which has found them to be in priority need as defined in section 189(2) of the Housing Act 1996 (priority need for accommodation) are exempted from the benefit cap.”

Page 9, line 35, at end insert –

“() After subsection (11) insert –

“() Persons in receipt of carer’s allowance as defined in section 70 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 (carer’s allowance) are exempted from the benefit cap.”

Page 9, line 35, at end insert –

“() After subsection (11) insert –

“() Persons in receipt of universal credit who are not subject to all work-related requirements as defined in section 22 of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (claimants subject to all work-related requirements) are exempted from the benefit cap.”

Clause 8

BARONESS SHERLOCK
LORD MCKENZIE OF LUTON

Page 10, line 25, after “situation,” insert –

- “() the relationship between the level of the benefit cap and median household income,
- () the impact on households affected by the benefit cap,
- () the financial impact of the benefit cap on public authorities, local authorities and registered social landlords,”

BARONESS LISTER OF BURTERSETT
LORD KIRKWOOD OF KIRKHOPE

Page 10, line 25, after “situation,” insert –

- “() the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in the United Kingdom,”

Clause 9

BARONESS MEACHER

Page 11, line 31, at end insert –

- “() Notwithstanding subsection (1), for each of the tax years ending with 5 April 2017, 5 April 2018, 5 April 2019 and 5 April 2020, the amount of each of the relevant sums claimable by persons with a disability, as defined by the Equality Act 2010, is to increase in line with inflation.”

BARONESS LISTER OF BURTERSETT
LORD KIRKWOOD OF KIRKHOPE

Page 11, line 32, leave out subsections (2) to (4) and insert –

- “() For each of the tax years ending with 5 April 2017, 5 April 2018, 5 April 2019 and 5 April 2020, the rates of child benefit are to rise in line with prices or earnings or by 2.5 per cent, whichever is the highest.”

Clause 11

BARONESS MEACHER

Page 13, line 12, at end insert –

- “(3C) The limit on the number of children or qualifying young persons for whom an individual element of child tax credit can be claimed, as set out in subsection (3B), shall not apply to households where one or more of the children or qualifying young persons are disabled (including, but not limited to, those persons in receipt of the disability element of child tax credit).”

Clause 11 – continued

BARONESS SHERLOCK
LORD McKENZIE OF LUTON

The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 11 stand part of the Bill.

Clause 12

BARONESS SHERLOCK
LORD McKENZIE OF LUTON

Page 13, line 23, at end insert –

“(1B) Subsection (1A) does not apply in respect of persons who are either children or qualifying young persons born before 6 April 2017.”

The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 12 stand part of the Bill.

Clause 13

LORD PATEL

Page 14, line 24, at end insert –

“(7A) Subsections (2) and (3) of this section shall not come into force until the Secretary of State has laid before both Houses of Parliament a report giving his or her estimate of the impact of these provisions in those subsections on the –

- (a) physical and mental health,
- (b) financial situation, and
- (c) ability to return to work

of persons who would otherwise be entitled to start claiming the work-related activity component of employment and support allowance.

(7B) Regulations bringing subsections (2) and (3) into force shall not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.”

BARONESS SHERLOCK
LORD McKENZIE OF LUTON
BARONESS GREENGROSS

The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 13 stand part of the Bill.

Clause 14

LORD PATEL

Page 14, line 27, at end insert –

- “(1A) This section shall not come into force until the Secretary of State has laid before both Houses of Parliament a report giving his or her estimate of the impact of the provision in this section on the –
- (a) physical and mental health,
 - (b) financial situation, and
 - (c) ability to return to work
- of persons who would otherwise be entitled to start claiming the limited capability for work element of universal credit.
- (1B) Regulations bringing this section into force shall not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.”

BARONESS SHERLOCK
LORD McKENZIE OF LUTON
BARONESS GREENGROSS

The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 14 stand part of the Bill.

Clause 15

BARONESS SHERLOCK
LORD McKENZIE OF LUTON

Page 14, line 43, at end insert –

- “() In section 26 of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (higher-level sanctions) after subsection (4) insert –
- “(4A) A claimant subject to section 22 who is a single parent is exempted from subsection (1) where there is no suitable or affordable childcare available.””

BARONESS MEACHER

Page 14, line 43, at end insert –

- “() The provisions in this section shall not apply to responsible carers of disabled children aged 3 or 4 unless appropriate childcare for these children can be secured.
- () The Secretary of State must lay regulations determining what a disabled child is for the purpose of this section and such a determination may include, but need not be limited to –
- (a) children in receipt of an Education, Health and Care Plan,
 - (b) children in receipt of a Statement of Special Educational Needs,
 - (c) children identified by their local authority as having special educational needs,
 - (d) children with child in need status,

Clause 15 – continued

- (e) children who meet the definition of disabled under the Equality Act 2010.”

After Clause 15

BARONESS SHERLOCK
LORD McKENZIE OF LUTON

Insert the following new Clause –

“Review of application of sanctions

- (1) The Secretary of State must, before the financial year ending 31 March 2016, provide for a full and independent review of the sanctions regimes attached to working-age benefits, including but not limited to jobseeker’s allowance, employment and support allowance and income support, to determine whether they are an effective and proportionate means of meeting the Government’s objectives.
- (2) The terms of reference for the review must include consideration of –
 - (a) the application of sanctions to lone parents with dependent children;
 - (b) the application of sanctions to claimants who are disabled;
 - (c) the effectiveness of sanctions in moving claimants into sustained work; and
 - (d) any other matters which the Secretary of State considers relevant.”

Clause 21

BARONESS SHERLOCK
LORD McKENZIE OF LUTON

Page 20, line 46, at end insert –

- “() The Secretary of State must, within 12 months of this section coming into force, produce a plan to offset the impact of lower social rents on housing associations and local government.”

Clause 22

BARONESS SHERLOCK
LORD McKENZIE OF LUTON

Page 21, line 6, at end insert –

- “(c) the accommodation is specified accommodation, as defined in The Housing Benefit and Universal Credit (Supported Accommodation) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 2014/771).”

Clause 22 – continued

LORD BEST

Page 21, line 33, at end insert –

- “() Section 21 does not apply to social housing which meets the definition of supported housing as defined in The Housing Benefit and Universal Credit (Supported Accommodation) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 2014/771).”

After Clause 23BARONESS SHERLOCK
LORD MCKENZIE OF LUTON

Insert the following new Clause –

“Housing costs in the private rented sector

- (1) The Secretary of State must, at a time no later than the end of the financial year of April 2016 and at least once during the course of each of the subsequent four financial years, review the relationship between housing costs in the private rented sector and levels of local housing allowance.
- (2) Where a review under subsection (1) shows that less than 30 per cent of private rented properties in each locality are not affordable to persons in receipt of local housing allowance, the Secretary of State must by regulations under section 130A of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 (appropriate maximum housing benefit) amend the rates of local housing allowance.”

Clause 31

LORD PATEL

Page 28, line 2, at end insert –

- “, subject to subsections 13(7A), 13(7B), 14(1A) and 14(1B)”

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