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Make provision for information and statistics to be available in various public places about the European Union and to provide information to further the establishment of twinning arrangements between towns in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in the European Union in accordance with the European Union's town twinning support scheme.

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 Provision of information and statistics relating to the European Union in public buildings and on the internet

- (1) Information and statistics relating to the European Union must be provided by the Secretary of State and be distributed by local authorities free of charge in public buildings. 5
- (2) Information and statistics relating to the European Union must be provided by the Secretary of State free of charge on the internet.
- (3) In subsections (1) and (2) "information and statistics" means information and statistics on—
- (a) the purpose, scope and effect of the European Union's activities, 10
 - (b) the organisation of the European Union, its infrastructure and institutions,
 - (c) decisions taken by the European Union and the principle of subsidiarity, and
 - (d) details on the Treaty of Lisbon 2009. 15
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (1) information and statistics must be provided in—
- (a) written form, and
 - (b) electronic form.

2 Twinning arrangements between towns in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in the European Union

- (1) Information on the European Union’s town twinning support scheme must be made available by local authorities both in public buildings and on the internet. 5
- (2) In subsection (1) “information” means information on—
 - (a) forms of support (including financial) provided by the European Union to facilitate town twinning schemes,
 - (b) the scope and benefits of town twinning schemes, and
 - (c) the procedures involved in applying to the European Union for support for town twinning schemes. 10

3 Definition

In this Act “public buildings” means—

- (a) public libraries, and
- (b) borough, town, city and county council administrative buildings. 15

4 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (2) Sections 1 to 3 come into force at the end of the period of six months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.
- (3) This section comes into force on the day on which this Act is passed. 20
- (4) This Act may be cited as the European Union (Information, etc.) Act 2020.

European Union (Information, etc.) Bill [HL]

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