



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Shared Education Bill

Annotated Marshalled List of Amendments
Consideration Stage

Tuesday 26 January 2016

Amendments tabled up to 9.30am Wednesday, 20 January 2016 and selected for debate

The Bill will be considered in the following order-
Clauses, Schedules and Long Title

Amendment 1 [*Made on Division*]

Clause 1, Page 1, Line 3

Leave out paragraph (a) and insert -
'(a) this Act; and'

Chair, Committee for Education
Mr John McCallister

Amendment 2 [*Negatived*]

Clause 1, Page 1, Line 7

Leave out subsection (2) and insert -

- '(2) "Shared education" means the education together of—
- (a) children or young persons from different religious, cultural or ethnic backgrounds; and
 - (b) those who are experiencing socio-economic deprivation and those who are not.
- (2A) Shared education may be provided by—

- (a) the working together and co-operation of two or more relevant providers from different educational sectors or with different governance arrangements; or
- (b) a single relevant provider which is representative of the wider community in Northern Ireland in terms of its staff and its board of governors or governance structure.’

Mr John McCallister

Amendment 3 [Not moved]

Clause 1, Page 1, Line 8

After ‘belief’ insert ‘or none’

Chair, Committee for Education

Amendment 4 [Not moved]

Clause 1, Page 1, Line 8

Leave out from ‘including’ to ‘Catholic’ on line 9 and insert -
‘or none;

- (aa) reasonable numbers of Protestant, Roman Catholic and other’

*Mr Trevor Lunn
Mr Stewart Dickson*

Amendment 5 [Made]

Clause 1, Page 1, Line 13

At end insert -

‘(2B) The purpose of shared education is to—

- (a) deliver educational benefits to participants;
- (b) promote the efficient and effective use of resources;
- (c) promote equality of opportunity;
- (d) promote good relations; and
- (e) promote respect for identity, diversity and community cohesion.’

Mr John McCallister

Amendment 6 [Not moved]

Clause 1, Page 1, Line 18

At beginning insert -

‘In this section—

- (a) “religious belief” includes an absence of religious belief; and
- (b) ’

Minister of Education

Amendment 7 [Not called]

Clause 1, Page 1, Line 19

Leave out ‘in this section’

Minister of Education

Amendment 8 [Made on Division]

New Clause

After clause 1 insert -

‘Duty to promote, encourage and facilitate shared education

1A. It is the duty of the Department of Education to promote, encourage and facilitate shared education.’

Chair, Committee for Education

Mr John McCallister

Amendment 9 [Not moved]

As an amendment to Amendment 8

At end insert -

‘(2) The Department of Education must consider shared education when—

- (a) developing, adopting, implementing or revising policies, strategies and plans; and
- (b) designing and delivering educational services.’

Mr John McCallister

Amendment 10 [Not moved]

New Clause

After clause 1 insert -

‘Regulations on shared education

1A.—(1) The Department of Education must by regulation prescribe criteria, including a minimum number of participant hours, to be met by relevant providers of shared education.

(2) “Participant hours” means the number of hours of shared education to which a participant is entitled.

(3) No shared education funds may be given to relevant providers that fail to meet the criteria set out in regulations.

(4) Regulations under this section shall not be made unless a draft of the regulations has been laid before and approved by a resolution of the Assembly.’

Mr Trevor Lunn

Mr Stewart Dickson

Amendment 11 [Made]

Clause 2, Page 2, Line 2

Leave out paragraph (a)

Chair, Committee for Education

Amendment 12 [Made]

Clause 2, Page 2, Line 6

At end insert -

‘(e) any sectoral body.

(3) In this section, “sectoral body” means a body—

- (a) which is recognised by the Department of Education as representing the interests of grant-aided schools of a particular description; and
- (b) to which grants are paid under Article 115 of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986, Article 64 of the Education Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1989, or Article 89 of the Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1998.’

Chair, Committee for Education

Mr John McCallister

Amendment 13 [Made]

New Clause

After clause 2 insert -

‘Power to form company

2A.—(1) For the purposes of its functions under section 2, the Department of Education may form, or participate in the formation of, a company under the Companies Act 2006.

(2) For the purposes of its functions under section 2(3) of the Education Act (Northern Ireland) 2014, the Education Authority may form, or participate in the formation of, a company under the Companies Act 2006.’

Minister of Education

Amendment 14 [Made]

New Clause

After clause 2 insert -

‘Review

2A.—(1) The Department of Education must—

- (a) not later than two years after the date on which this Act receives Royal Assent; and
- (b) at intervals of not more than two years thereafter, review, and prepare a report on, the operation of this Act and section 2(3) of the Education Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 (“the 2014 Act”).

(2) The Department of Education must lay any report under this section before the Assembly.

(3) A report under this section must include statements on the following matters, so far as relating to the reporting period—

- (a) the extent to which the bodies listed in section 2(2) have exercised their powers under that section;
- (b) the extent to which the Education Authority has complied with its duty under section 2(3) of the 2014 Act;
- (c) the level of participation in shared education and the extent to which there has been any increase or decrease in participation;
- (d) efficiency in the use of resources allocated for the purposes of shared education, including information and communications technology infrastructure;
- (e) the impact of shared education on—
 - (i) educational attainment;
 - (ii) good relations between participating children or young persons;
 - (iii) attitudes of participating children or young persons towards persons from backgrounds other than their own.’

Chair, Committee for Education

Amendment 15 [Made]

New Clause

After clause 2 insert -

‘Duty of education bodies to consider shared education

2A.—(1) Education bodies must consider shared education when—

- (a) developing, adopting, implementing or revising policies, strategies and plans; and
- (b) designing and delivering public services.

(2) The education bodies are—

- (a) the Department of Education;
- (b) the Education Authority;

- (c) the Council for Catholic Maintained Schools;
- (d) the Northern Ireland Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment; and
- (e) the Youth Council.’

Mr Chris Hazzard
Ms Maeve McLaughlin
Mr Pat Sheehan