



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Adoption and Children Bill
Notice of Amendments tabled on
8 February 2022 for Consideration Stage

Clause 5, Page 5, Line 14

Leave out ‘that person is within a prescribed description.’ and insert -

‘—

- (a) that person is a child who may be adopted;
- (b) that person is a parent or guardian of a child who may be adopted;
- (c) that person is a person wishing to adopt a child;
- (d) that person is an adopted person;
- (e) that person is a parent, natural parent or former guardian of an adopted person; and
- (f) that person is within a prescribed description.’

Chair, Committee for Health

Clause 119, Page 71, Line 39

Leave out from ‘that’ to end of line 40 and insert -

‘—

- (a) that person is a child with respect to whom a special guardianship order has been applied for;
- (b) that person is a parent or guardian of a child with respect to whom a special guardianship order has been applied for;
- (c) that person is a person wishing to become a special guardian;
- (d) that person is a child with respect to whom a special guardianship order is in force;
- (e) that person is a parent or former guardian of a child with respect to whom a special guardianship order is in force; and
- (f) that person is within a prescribed description.’

Chair, Committee for Health

Clause 122, Page 74, Line 37

After ‘promote’ insert ‘, facilitate and support’

Chair, Committee for Health

Clause 122, Page 74, Line 37

Leave out ‘educational achievement’ and insert ‘achievement and development in relation to education or training’

Chair, Committee for Health

Clause 143

The Chair listed below gives notice of his intention to oppose the question that clause 143 stand part of the Bill.

Chair, Committee for Health

New Clause

After clause 157 insert -

‘Review

157A.—(1) The Department must review and make a report on the implementation of each provision of Part 1 and of each provision of Part 2—

- (a) as soon as practicable after the third anniversary of the commencement of that provision; and
- (b) at least once in every five years after the making of the previous report on the implementation of that provision.

(2) The Department must—

- (a) lay a copy of each report under this section before the Assembly; and
- (b) having done that, publish the report.

(3) The Department may by regulations provide that subsections (1) and (2) are to cease to have effect on the date specified; but the regulations may not specify a date which is earlier than the tenth anniversary of this Act receiving Royal Assent.

(4) Regulations under this section are subject to negative resolution.’

Chair, Committee for Health

Clause 130, Page 83, Line 23

Leave out from ‘is’ to ‘follows’ on line 24 and insert ‘is amended in accordance with paragraphs (3) to (7)’

Minister of Health

Clause 130, Page 84, Line 26

At end insert -

- ‘(8) In Article 183 of the Children Order (regulations and orders), after paragraph (2) insert—
“(2A) Regulations under Article 35D(1A) or Article 45(4A) must not be made unless a draft of the regulations has been laid before, and approved by resolution of, the Assembly.”.’

Minister of Health

Clause 143

Leave out clause 143 and insert -

‘Report on the operation of the Children Order

143.—(1) Article 181 of the Children Order (annual report) is amended as follows.

(2) In the title, for “Annual report” substitute “Report on the operation of this Order”.

(3) The existing text becomes paragraph (1).

(4) In that paragraph, for the words from “cause an” to the end, substitute “cause a general report on the operation of this Order to be prepared and laid before the Assembly at least once every three years.”.

(5) After that paragraph, add—

“(2) The first report under paragraph (1) must be prepared and laid before the Assembly within the period of three years beginning on the date on which the Adoption and Children Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 receives Royal Assent.”.’

Minister of Health

Clause 155, Page 94, Line 20

Leave out ‘or 148’ and insert ‘, 148, 149 or 150’

Minister of Health