



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Integrated Education Bill
Notice of Amendments tabled on
12 January 2022 for Consideration Stage

Clause 1, Page 1, Line 4

Leave out from ‘of—’ to end of line 10 and insert -

‘of those of different cultures and religious beliefs, including—

- (a) reasonable numbers of both Protestant and Roman Catholic pupils;
- (b) those of other religious beliefs; and
- (c) those of no religious belief.’

Minister of Education

Clause 1, Page 1, Line 11

Leave out from ‘intentionally’ to end of line 14 and insert ‘is a controlled integrated school or grant-maintained integrated school as defined by Article 2(2) of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986.’

Minister of Education

Clause 1, Page 1, Line 17

Leave out paragraphs (b) to (e)

Minister of Education

Clause 3, Page 2, Line 9

Leave out from ‘its’ to ‘must’ in line 10 and insert ‘any functions relating to integrated education the Department of Education may’

Minister of Education

Clause 3, Page 2, Line 10

Leave out from ‘any’ to end of line 13 and insert -
‘—

- (a) any body appearing to the Department of Education to have as an objective the encouragement or promotion of integrated education, or
- (b) any other body the Department of Education considers appropriate.’

Minister of Education

New Clause

After clause 5 insert -

‘Duties of Department and Authority relating to the development etc. of integrated education

5A.—(1) After Article 64(1) of the Education Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (Department’s duty to encourage and facilitate the development of integrated education) insert—

“(1A) In considering what steps it should take for the purposes of its duty under subsection (1) to encourage and facilitate the development of integrated education, the Department must in particular take account of any representations made under section 3 of the Integrated Education Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (consultation) which relate to that duty.”

(2) The Education Authority must, for the purpose of assisting its strategic planning of the provision of education, take steps to ascertain the demand for integrated education.

(3) In this Act, a reference to ascertaining the demand for integrated education is a reference to ascertaining the extent to which parents would prefer their children to be educated at grant-maintained integrated or controlled integrated schools rather than at schools which are not grant-maintained integrated schools or controlled integrated schools.

(4) The Education Authority must take the steps mentioned in subsection (2) at such times as the Education Authority and the Department of Education agree to be appropriate, having regard to the purpose specified in that subsection.

(5) The duty in subsection (2) may be met by seeking the information required by that duty together with other information about parental preferences.

(6) In making decisions in connection with proposals about the provision of education the Education Authority must have due regard to the response to its enquiries under subsection (2) (in addition to any other factors to which the Education Authority is required to have regard).’

Minister of Education

Clause 6, Page 2, Line 37

Leave out from ‘Education’ to ‘when—’ and insert ‘Without prejudice to the generality of the duty under Article 64(1) of the Education Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1989, the Department of Education must take account of that duty when—’

Minister of Education

New Clause

After clause 7 insert -

‘Proposals for new schools

7A.—(1) The Education Authority must consider integrated education when—

- (a) developing any proposals for the establishment of a new school, or
- (b) considering any proposals made by another person for the establishment of a new school.

(2) When complying with subsection (1), the Education Authority must consider any information that the Education Authority has ascertained about the demand for integrated education (whether that information is obtained pursuant to the duty in section 5A(2) or otherwise).

(3) In this section, “the establishment of a new school” does not include—

- (a) the amalgamation as a new school of two or more previously existing schools,
- (b) a significant change in size of an existing school, or
- (c) any change to or relocation of the premises of an existing school.’

Minister of Education

Clause 8, Page 3, Line 11

Leave out from ‘prepare’ to first ‘education’ in line 13 and insert -

‘—

- (a) commission and review a draft strategy for encouraging and facilitating the development of integrated education, and
- (b) publish the final version of the strategy’

Minister of Education

Clause 8, Page 3, Line 13

At end insert -

‘(1A) The integrated education strategy must be published under subsection (1)(b) before the end of 18 months beginning with the date on which this Act comes into operation.’

Minister of Education

Clause 8, Page 3, Line 13

At end insert -

‘(1B) When commissioning a draft strategy from a person under subsection (1), the Department of Education must provide the following information to that person—

- (a) the number of pupils being educated in grant-maintained integrated or controlled integrated schools broken down by primary and post-primary schools,
- (b) a statement setting out how the Department of Education has discharged its duties in relation to integrated education under Part 6 of the Education Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 and the Integrated Education Act (Northern Ireland) 2022, and
- (c) a summary of the steps taken by the Education Authority to ascertain the demand for integrated education (whether those steps were taken pursuant to the duty in section 5A(2) or otherwise).

(1C) The Department of Education must publish the information provided under subsection (1B).’

Minister of Education

Clause 8, Page 3, Line 13

At end insert -

‘(1D) The Department of Education may from time to time—

- (a) commission draft revisions to a strategy published under subsection (1)(b),
- (b) review those draft revisions, and
- (c) where those draft revisions result in changes to the strategy, publish the strategy as revised.’

Minister of Education

Clause 8, Page 3, Line 14

Leave out subsections (2) to (5)

Minister of Education

Clause 9

The Minister of Education gives notice of her intention to oppose the question that clause 9 stand part of the Bill.

Minister of Education

New Clause

After clause 9 insert -

‘Biennial reporting on implementation of strategy

9A. The Department of Education must prepare and publish a report on the steps taken to implement any strategy published under section 8(1)(b)—

- (a) within the period of 2 years beginning with the date on which the strategy is first published by the Department, and

(b) at subsequent intervals of not more than two years.’

Minister of Education

Clause 10, Page 5, Line 8

Leave out ‘must’ and insert ‘may’

Minister of Education

Clause 12, Page 6, Line 16

Leave out from ‘omit’ to end of line 17 and insert -

‘for “at school of Protestant and Roman Catholic pupils” substitute “at a controlled integrated or grant-maintained integrated school of those of different cultures and religious beliefs, including (in the case of each such school)—

- (a) reasonable numbers of both Protestant and Roman Catholic pupils;
- (b) those of other religious beliefs; and
- (c) those of no religious belief.”.’

Minister of Education

Clause 12, Page 6, Line 19

Leave out from ‘for’ to end of line 21 and insert -

‘for “reasonable numbers of both Protestant and Roman Catholic pupils” substitute “those of different cultures and religious beliefs, including—

- (a) reasonable numbers of both Protestant and Roman Catholic pupils;
- (b) those of other religious beliefs; and
- (c) those of no religious belief.”.’

Minister of Education

Clause 12, Page 6, Line 21

At end insert -

‘(2A) In Article 71(8) of that Order (proposal for acquisition of grant-maintained integrated status), for “reasonable numbers of both Protestant and Roman Catholic pupils” substitute “those of different cultures and religious beliefs, including—

- (a) reasonable numbers of both Protestant and Roman Catholic pupils;
- (b) those of other religious beliefs; and
- (c) those of no religious belief.”.’

Minister of Education

Clause 12, Page 6, Line 21

At end insert -

‘(2B) In Article 79(2) of that Order (significant changes to grant-maintained integrated schools), for “reasonable numbers of both Protestant and Roman Catholic pupils” substitute “those of different cultures and religious beliefs, including—

- (a) reasonable numbers of both Protestant and Roman Catholic pupils;
- (b) those of other religious beliefs; and
- (c) those of no religious belief.”.’

Minister of Education

Clause 12, Page 6, Line 21

At end insert -

‘(2C) In Article 81(3)(d) of that Order (withdrawal of grant by Department) for “reasonable numbers of both Protestant and Roman Catholic pupils” substitute “those of different cultures and religious beliefs, including—

- (a) reasonable numbers of both Protestant and Roman Catholic pupils;
- (b) those of other religious beliefs; and
- (c) those of no religious belief.”.’

Minister of Education

Clause 12, Page 6, Line 21

At end insert -

‘(2D) In Article 88 of that Order (management of controlled integrated schools: scheme of management) for “reasonable numbers of both Protestant and Roman Catholic pupils” substitute “those of different cultures and religious beliefs, including—

- (a) reasonable numbers of both Protestant and Roman Catholic pupils;
- (b) those of other religious beliefs; and
- (c) those of no religious belief.”.’

Minister of Education

Clause 12, Page 6, Line 21

At end insert -

‘(2E) In Article 92(6) of that Order (proposal for acquisition of controlled integrated status), for “reasonable numbers of both Protestant and Roman Catholic pupils” substitute “those of different cultures and religious beliefs, including—

- (a) reasonable numbers of both Protestant and Roman Catholic pupils;
- (b) those of other religious beliefs; and
- (c) those of no religious belief.”.’

Minister of Education

Clause 12, Page 6, Line 21

At end insert -

‘(2F) In Article 97 of that Order (significant changes to controlled integrated schools), for “reasonable numbers of both Protestant and Roman Catholic pupils” substitute “those of different cultures and religious beliefs, including—

- (a) reasonable numbers of both Protestant and Roman Catholic pupils;
- (b) those of other religious beliefs; and
- (c) those of no religious belief.”.’

Minister of Education

Clause 13, Page 6, Line 32

Leave out sub-paragraphs (iii) to (v)

Minister of Education

Clause 13, Page 6, Line 38

After ‘section 1’ insert ‘and words and expressions which are defined in Article 2(2) of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 have the same meaning as in that Order’

Minister of Education

Clause 1, Page 1, Line 8

Leave out paragraph (b)

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Clause 1, Page 1, Line 10

Leave out paragraph (c)

Mr Daniel McCrossan

An amendment to the amendment to Clause 1, page 1, line 11, tabled by Ms Kellie Armstrong on 16 December 2021

Leave out ‘improves’ and insert ‘advances’

Mr Daniel McCrossan

Clause 2, Page 2, Line 4

Leave out paragraph (b) and insert -

‘(b) to promote awareness and appreciation of human rights;’

Mr Daniel McCrossan

Clause 3, Page 2, Line 12

After ‘education,’ insert ‘at nursery, primary and post-primary levels,’

Mr Daniel McCrossan

Clause 4, Page 2, Line 22

Leave out ‘the duty’ and insert ‘a duty’

Mr Daniel McCrossan

Clause 5, Page 2, Line 30

Leave out from ‘(including’ to end of line 32 and insert ‘(including examining evidence of expected future demand)’

Mr Daniel McCrossan

Clause 6, Page 2, Line 37

Leave out ‘include provision for’ and insert ‘have regard to’

Mr Daniel McCrossan

Clause 6, Page 3, Line 1

At end insert -

‘(2) The active fulfilment of duties in respect of support for integrated education conferred on education bodies by this Act (or regulation made under it) shall not prejudice or subordinate their duties in respect of promoting shared education involving other school sectors and integrated schools or the due discharge of their continuing statutory duties under other enactments including the Shared Education (Northern Ireland) Act 2016.’

Mr Daniel McCrossan

An amendment to the amendment inserting a new clause entitled 'New schools', tabled by Ms Kellie Armstrong on 16 December 2021

Subsection (5)(c), at end insert -

'(6) The interpretation of subsection 5 will not preclude education bodies receiving or responding supportively to applications or expressions of interest by such schools in respect of transforming into integrated schools.'

Mr Daniel McCrossan

Clause 8, Page 3, Line 22

Leave out 'identify' and insert 'quantify'

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Clause 8, Page 3, Line 22

After 'and' insert 'identify respective'

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Clause 8, Page 3, Line 35

Leave out paragraph (f)

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Clause 8, Page 4

Leave out lines 4 and 5

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Clause 9, Page 4, Line 14

After 'prepare' insert 'or commission'

Mr Daniel McCrossan

Clause 9, Page 4, Line 18

Leave out 'of not more than two years' and insert 'in line with the budget framing timetable but not more frequently than every three years'

Mr Daniel McCrossan

Clause 10, Page 5, Line 19

Leave out from ‘(including’ to end of line 22 and insert ‘(including measures to support integrated schools);’

Mr Daniel McCrossan

Clause 10, Page 5, Line 23

Leave out ‘and other steps taken’

Mr Daniel McCrossan

Clause 10, Page 5, Line 29

Leave out ‘about mandatory and standard’ and insert ‘for’

Mr Daniel McCrossan

Clause 10, Page 5, Line 34

Leave out paragraph (j)

Mr Daniel McCrossan

Clause 10, Page 5, Line 37

Leave out paragraph (k)

Mr Daniel McCrossan

Clause 10, Page 5, Line 39

Leave out paragraph (l)

Mr Daniel McCrossan

Clause 10, Page 5, Line 42

Leave out paragraph (m)

Mr Daniel McCrossan

Clause 11, Page 6, Line 10

Leave out from ‘any’ to ‘education,’ in line 11 and insert ‘integrated schools’

Mr Daniel McCrossan