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Submitted to School Uniforms (Trousers) Bill
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Introduction

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Name:

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A school

Please provide further details here, if relevant.:

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6 What is your gender?

Female

Purpose of the Bill

7 Do you agree with the purpose of the Bill?

No

Do you have any further comments?:

Schools already have the legal and moral responsibility to ensure pupil uniforms are adequate, comfortable and a means of identifying the ethos and character of the school.

8 Do you foresee any unintended consequences of the Bill?

Yes

If you have answered 'yes', please provide details:

Attendance at any school should be seen as a privilege and the authority of the governing body and senior staff acknowledged in decisions made regarding pupil uniform and deportment.

This new legislation is likely to give rise to unnecessary and mischievous challenge to and undermining of school discipline and regulations.

Clauses of the Bill

Clause 1

9 Do you think Clause 1 will have the effects that are anticipated?

I believe Clause 1 will have some of the anticipated effects.

If you have answered that Clause 1 will only have some of the anticipated effects, or won't have the anticipated effects, please provide details.:

The problems described certainly exist in some schools but not all.

Clause 2

10 It is appropriate for the DE to also publish its guidelines on school uniforms.

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any further comments? :

Clause 3

11 Do you have any comments on this Clause?

No

If you have answered 'yes', please provide details.:

Financial effects of the Bill

12 The financial effects of the Bill will be minimal. (See Paragraphs 19 and 20 of the Explanatory and Financial Memorandum.)

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any further comments? :

Additional Comments and Observations

13 Additional comments and observations

Comment Box :

Legislation and procedures already exist to help protect young people and to give them a voice/opinion.

Forcing through this Bill will further erode and limit the authorities in each school by making them appear subject to the whim and wish of the pupils.

The confusion surrounding transgenderism and dealing with it in the classroom will not be helped or alleviated by this Bill.

In effect what might be seen as a little change to uniform policy (where most schools already allow for trousers/leggings in PE activities to provide warmth and comfort and protect modesty) has an underlying threat which could result in additional challenges and unsettledness for pupils and staff.