



Northern Ireland  
Assembly

General Teaching Council Bill  
Marshalled List of Amendments  
Consideration Stage  
Tuesday 30 June 2026

Amendments tabled up to 9.30am Wednesday, 24 June 2026 and selected for debate

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The Bill will be considered in the following order—

Clauses and Long Title

**Amendment 1**

**New Clause**

After clause 1 insert—

**‘Constitution of the Council**

**1A.** In Schedule 1 to the 1998 Order, after paragraph 1(2)(a) insert —

“(aa) shall provide that at least half of the membership of the Council be elected directly by registered teachers;”

*Mr Pat Sheehan*

## **Amendment 2**

### **New Clause**

After clause 10 insert—

#### **‘Code of conduct for registered teachers**

**10A.** After Article 36 of the 1998 Order insert—

##### **“Code of conduct and practice**

**36A.**—(1) The Council must prepare and publish a code setting out standards of professional conduct and practice expected of registered teachers.

(2) The Council may revise the code at any time (and must publish any revised code).

(3) In preparing the code under paragraph (1), and before revising the code under paragraph (2), the Council must consult—

(a) such organisations representative of teachers; and

(b) such other persons;

as the Council considers appropriate.

(4) The Department may by regulations make provision about—

(a) the form and content of the code;

(b) the consequences of any failure by a registered teacher to comply with the code (which may include disciplinary proceedings under Schedule 1A).”.’

*Minister of Education*

## **Amendment 3**

Clause 11, Page 8, Line 31

After ‘children’ insert ‘or other vulnerable persons’

*Minister of Education*

## **Amendment 4**

### **New Clause**

After clause 12 insert—

#### **‘Reporting on fees and charges**

**12A.**—(1) After Article 39A of the 1998 Order (as inserted by section 12) insert—

##### **“Reporting on fees and charges**

**39B.**—(1) The Council must prepare a report on the cost of exercising its functions under this Part.

(2) The report must include—

- (a) the Council’s reasons for any fees that are fixed and any charges that are imposed under this Part, and
- (b) what steps the Council has taken to minimise any increase in fees.
- (3) The report must further include the Council’s reasons—
  - (a) for any fixing of fees at a level which exceeds the cost of the thing in respect of which it is charged, and
  - (b) for the imposition of any charge for a service which exceeds the cost of providing it.
- (4) The first report under this Article must be published no later than 12 months after the coming into operation of Article 39A. Subsequent reports are to be published at least annually thereafter.
- (5) The Council must, after preparing a report under this Article, publish the report in such manner as the Council considers appropriate.”.’

*Mr Nick Mathison*

**Amendment 5**

Clause 15, Page 11, Line 9

At end insert—

‘(2A) Section 12A comes into operation on the same day as section 12.’

*Mr Nick Mathison*



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