



Northern Ireland
Assembly
School Uniforms (Guidelines and Allowances) Bill
Annotated Marshalled List of Amendments
Consideration Stage
Monday 15 September 2025

Amendments tabled up to 9.30am Wednesday, 10 September 2025 and selected for debate

The Bill will be considered in the following order—

Clauses and Long Title

Amendment 1 *[Made]*

Clause 1, Page 1, Line 10

Leave out ‘from time to time’ and insert ‘at least once every three years’

Chair, Committee for Education

Amendment 2 *[Made]*

Clause 1, Page 1, Line 18

Leave out ‘may’ and insert ‘must’

Chair, Committee for Education

Amendment 3 *[Made]*

Clause 1, Page 2, Line 1

After ‘who’ insert ‘, including pupils and their parents or guardians,’

Chair, Committee for Education

Amendment 4 *[Made]*

Clause 1, Page 2, Line 9

At end insert—

‘(6) The Department must lay any guidelines issued under this section before the Assembly.’

Chair, Committee for Education

Amendment 5 *[Made on division]*

Clause 2, Page 2, Line 15

At end insert—

‘(aa) practicality of clothing in relation to play-based curricula and outdoor learning, including within the Foundation Stage (as defined by the Education (Curriculum Minimum Content) Order (Northern Ireland) 2007)’

Chair, Committee for Education

Amendment 6 *[Made on division]*

Clause 2, Page 2, Line 18

At end insert—

‘(2A) Guidelines under this Chapter must include provision requiring school uniform policies to ensure all items of clothing required are available for purchase from at least one retailer or provider which does not hold any formal or informal contract or agreement, with the school, relating to provision of such items of clothing.

(2B) Guidelines under this Chapter must include provision specifying that section 2A will not apply to any school uniform policy which includes a statement from the school manager explaining how such a contract or agreement delivers value for money with respect to items of clothing required by the school uniform policy.’

Chair, Committee for Education

Amendment 7*[Made on division]*

Clause 2, Page 2, Line 18

At end insert—

‘(2A) Guidelines under this Chapter must include provision requiring a manager of a school to publish, at least once per year, information regarding any formal or informal contracts or agreements, which the school holds with any retailer or provider, relating to provision of items of clothing required by the school uniform policy.

(2B) Provision under section 2A does not apply to any contracts or agreements which were in place before this Act received Royal Assent.’

*Chair, Committee for Education***Amendment 8***[Made on division]***New Clause**

After clause 4 insert—

‘Reporting on school uniform costs and capping of expense

4A.—(1) The Department must publish a written report, at least once every three years, detailing—

- (a) its assessment of the cost of school uniforms and their components, including mean costs, median costs and factors contributing to these, and
- (b) the effect of any capping of expense included in guidelines as a result of section (4), or if no such capping of expense has been set, the reasons for this, and
- (c) its subsequent plans for—
 - (i) reviewing and, if appropriate, amending the guidelines, and
 - (ii) imposing, ending or otherwise modifying any capping of expense.

(2) The first report under paragraph (1) must be published within the period of three years beginning with the date on which this Act receives Royal Assent.’

*Chair, Committee for Education***Amendment 9***[Made on division]*

Clause 7, Page 3, Line 31

Leave out subsection (1) and insert—

‘(1) The Department must give directions as follows to a manager of a school if the Department is satisfied that the manager is (or staff at the school are) in one or more material respects failing to adhere as required to guidelines under this Chapter.

(1A) The Department may give directions to a manager of a school as follows if the Department is satisfied that the school’s pupils are liable to disciplinary measures or participatory disadvantages at the

insistence of the manager (or of staff at the school) in consequence of breaching a school uniform policy applying at the school.’

Chair, Committee for Education

Amendment 10 *[Not called]*

Clause 7, Page 3, Line 35

After ‘to’ insert ‘undue’

Minister of Education

Amendment 11 *[Made on division]*

Clause 7, Page 4, Line 11

Leave out paragraph (b)

Chair, Committee for Education

Amendment 12 *[Made on division]*

Clause 7, Page 4, Line 30

At end insert—

‘(8) Where the Department gives directions to a school, it must publish these within three months of the directions first being given.’

Chair, Committee for Education

Amendment 13 *[Made]*

Clause 15, Page 7, Line 4

Leave out ‘Sections 3 and 4 come’ and insert ‘Section 4 comes’

Chair, Committee for Education