



Northern Ireland
Assembly
School Uniforms (Guidelines and Allowances) Bill
Annotated Marshalled List of Amendments
Further Consideration Stage
Monday 29 September 2025

Amendments tabled up to 9.30am Wednesday, 24 September 2025 and selected for debate

Amendment 1 *[Made]*

Clause 1, Page 2, Line 13

Leave out subsection (6)

Minister of Education

Amendment 2 *[Made]*

Clause 2, Page 2, Line 21

Leave out paragraph (b) and insert—

‘(b) nature and adequacy of clothing for pupils when engaging in particular parts of the curriculum by doing or through involvement in things such as—

- (i) classroom or academic subjects,
- (ii) informal or play-based learning, or
- (iii) recreational, sporting or outdoor activities,’

Minister of Education

Amendment 3 *[Made]*

Clause 2, Page 2, Line 28

Leave out subsections (3) to (6)

Minister of Education

Amendment 4 *[Made]*

New Clause

After clause 2 insert—

‘Clothing supplier agreements in guidelines

2A.—(1) Guidelines under this Chapter must include provision—

- (a) containing a statement to the effect that school uniform policies are to be designed so as to ensure that all items or sets of clothing needed by pupils at a school are available for purchase from at least one supplier who is not party to an agreement for the sale of items or sets of clothing for the school’s pupils, but
- (b) making an exception in relation to a school uniform policy applying at a school which is accompanied by a declaration by a manager of the school to the effect that such an agreement secures value for money with respect to items and sets of clothing needed by pupils at the school.

(2) Guidelines under this Chapter must include provision requiring a manager of a school to publish, on the school’s website, information (to be updated at least annually) about any such agreement except a pre-commencement agreement.

(3) For the purpose of this section—

- (a) an agreement is an agreement (whether contractual or otherwise) entered into in the name of or on behalf of the school, and
- (b) a pre-commencement agreement is an agreement so entered into before this section comes into operation.’

Minister of Education

Amendment 5 *[Made]*

Clause 5, Page 3

Leave out clause 5

Minister of Education

Amendment 6 *[Made]*

Clause 6, Page 4, Line 14

At end insert—

‘(e) referring to Foundation Stage, or Key Stage 1, 2, 3 or 4, as mentioned in the Education (Curriculum Minimum Content) Order (Northern Ireland) 2007.’

Minister of Education

Amendment 7 *[Made]*

Clause 8, Page 4, Line 31

Leave out ‘as follows to a manager of a school’ and insert ‘to a manager of a school as follows’

Minister of Education

Amendment 8 *[Negatived on division]*

Clause 8, Page 4, Line 36

After ‘to’ insert ‘undue’

Minister of Education

Amendment 9 *[Made]*

Clause 8, Page 5, Line 9

At end insert—

‘(iii) a report of an investigation relating to the school if sent to the Department under section 43 of the Public Services Ombudsman Act (Northern Ireland) 2016.’

Mr Nick Mathison

Amendment 10 *[Made]*

Clause 8, Page 5, Line 34

Leave out from ‘to’ to end of line 35 and insert ‘under this section, the Department must publish the text of them within 3 months of giving them.’

Minister of Education

Amendment 11 *[Made]*

New Clause

After clause 14 insert—

‘CHAPTER 3

LAYING AND REPORTING FORMALITIES

Laying of guidelines

14A. Guidelines under Chapter 1 must be laid before the Assembly by the Department of Education as soon as practicable after issuing or reissuing them.’

Minister of Education

Amendment 12 *[Made]*

New Clause

After clause 14 insert—

‘Reporting on guidelines and costs

14B.—(1) At least once every 3 years, the Department of Education must publish a report—

(a) setting out the Department’s plans for—

(i) reviewing (and revising) guidelines under Chapter 1, and

(ii) guidelines under Chapter 1 to include provision, or to have no or altered provision, as to capping of expense, and

(b) containing broader information in accordance with the following subsections.

(2) The report must—

(a) summarise—

(i) as the Department’s best estimates, the typical or average costs of school uniforms and individual pieces of such uniforms, and

(ii) so far as known to the Department, the various factors contributing to such costs rising, remaining unchanged or becoming lower, and

(b) the Department’s assessment of the impact of provision as to capping of expense for the time being included in guidelines under Chapter 1.

(3) The report must, if no provision as to capping of expense is for the time being included in guidelines under Chapter 1, state the Department’s explanation for this.

(4) The report may reflect the distinctions, as appearing to the Department, between uniforms worn—

(a) at particular types or descriptions of schools, or

(b) by pupils—

(i) in particular age or year groups, or

- (ii) receiving primary education or secondary education as construed in accordance with Article 2(2) of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986.’

Minister of Education