



Northern Ireland  
Assembly

Shared Education Bill

Notice of Amendments tabled on  
20 January 2016 for Consideration Stage

*‘As an amendment to the amendment tabled by the Chair of the Committee for Education to insert a new clause 1A.*

At end insert -

- (2) The Department for Education must consider shared education when—
- (a) developing, adopting, implementing or revising policies, strategies and plans; and
  - (b) designing and delivering educational services.’

*Mr John McCallister*

**Clause 1, Page 1, Line 7**

Leave out subsection (2) and insert -

- ‘(2) “Shared education” means the education together of—
- (a) children or young persons from different religious, cultural and ethnic backgrounds; and
  - (b) those who are experiencing socio-economic deprivation and those who are not.
- (2A) Shared education may be provided by—
- (a) the working together and co-operation of two or more relevant providers from different educational sectors or with different governance arrangements; or
  - (b) a single relevant provider which is representative of the wider community in Northern Ireland in terms of its staff and its board of governors or governance structure.’

*Mr John McCallister*

**Clause 1, Page 1, Line 13**

At end insert -

- ‘(2B) The purpose of shared education is to—
- (a) deliver educational benefits to participants;
  - (b) promote the efficient and effective use of resources;
  - (c) promote equality of opportunity;
  - (d) promote good relations; and
  - (e) promote respect for identity, diversity and community cohesion.’

*Mr John McCallister*

**New Clause**

After clause 2 insert -

**‘Duty of education bodies to consider shared education**

- 2A.**—(1) Education bodies must consider shared education when—
- (a) developing, adopting, implementing or revising policies, strategies and plans; and
  - (b) designing and delivering public services.
- (2) The education bodies are—
- (a) the Department of Education;
  - (b) the Education Authority;
  - (c) the Council for Catholic Maintained Schools;
  - (d) the Northern Ireland Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment; and
  - (e) the Youth Council.’

*Mr Chris Hazzard*

*Ms Maeve McLaughlin*

*Mr Pat Sheehan*

**New Clause**

After clause 3 insert -

**‘Fair employment in teaching**

**3A.** The Department shall within one year of this Act receiving Royal Assent repeal Article 71 of the Fair Employment and Treatment (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 to contribute to encouraging and facilitating shared education.’

*Mrs Sandra Overend*

*Mr Danny Kennedy*