

Education Bill

AMENDMENTS
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[Supplementary to the Revised Marshalled List]

After Clause 29

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Insert the following new Clause—

“Collective worship

- (1) Section 70 of SSFA 1998 (requirements relating to collective worship) is amended as follows.
- (2) For subsection (1) substitute—
 - “(1) Subject to section 71—
 - (a) each pupil in attendance at a foundation or voluntary school of a religious character shall on each school day attend an act of collective worship;
 - (b) community, foundation or voluntary schools which are not of a religious character and Academies that are not religiously designated may hold acts of collective worship at the discretion of the governors.
 - (1A) Governors should be under an obligation to consider representations made to them by pupils and the parents of pupils as to whether or not schools or Academies hold acts of collective worship under subsection (1)(b).”
- (3) In subsection (2) for “community, foundation or voluntary school” substitute “foundation or voluntary school of a religious character”.
- (4) In subsection (3) for “required” substitute “permitted”.
- (5) In paragraphs (1) to (4) of Schedule 20 to SSFA 1998 (collective worship) for “required” substitute “permitted”.

After Clause 29—continued

Insert the following new Clause—

“Collective worship (No. 2)

- (1) Section 71 of SSFA 1998 (which, in relation to religious education and attendance at religious worship, makes provision for exceptions and special arrangements, and for special schools) is amended as follows.
- (2) Omit subsections (1A) and (1B).
- (3) In subsection (3) leave out the words “or (1A)” and “or from attendance at religious worship”.
- (4) After subsection (8) insert—
 - “(8A) Attendance by pupils of acts of collective worship shall be voluntary, but this does not extend to attendance at any non-religious part of assemblies.”

Insert the following new Clause—

“Collective worship (No. 3)

- (1) Section 71 of SSFA 1998 (which, in relation to religious education and attendance at religious worship, makes provision for exceptions and special arrangements, and for special schools) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsections (1A), (1B), (5), (5A) and (7) for “sixth-form pupil” substitute “competent pupil”.
- (3) In subsection (8) leave out from “section” to end and insert “a “competent pupil” is any pupil who is over 15 years of age except one who, in the opinion of the headteacher, lacks sufficient maturity and intelligence to decide for themselves to withdraw from collective worship”.
- (4) After subsection (8) insert—
 - “(9) Withdrawal from of acts of collective worship does not extend to attendance at any non-religious part of assemblies.”

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