

Childcare Bill [HL]

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Before Clause 1

BARONESS MASSEY OF DARWEN

Insert the following new Clause –

“Welfare of children in the delivery of childcare under this Act

- (1) In exercising her duties under this Act the Secretary of State, shall –
 - (a) hold the welfare of all children as paramount in the delivery of childcare in England;
 - (b) promote the progressive development of persons and institutions which provide childcare;
 - (c) promote the effective execution by local authorities of their childcare duties under Part 1 of the Childcare Act 2006;
 - (d) ensure that childcare provision under sections 1 and 2 provides valuable early years education and contributes to closing gaps between children from disadvantaged backgrounds and their peers; and
 - (e) ensure that childcare in early years settings should provide caring and positive experiences which support children’s development and prepare children to thrive at school and in later life.
- (2) In this Act “welfare” in relation to childcare means the welfare of children in childcare in so far as it relates to –
 - (a) physical and mental health and emotional welfare;
 - (b) protection from harm and neglect;
 - (c) education and recreation; and
 - (d) social and economic welfare.”

Clause 3

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Page 3, line 28, at end insert—

- “() Regulations may require each English local authority to share information directly with partner agencies in the area including children’s centres.”

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