

LORDS AMENDMENTS TO THE
CHILD POVERTY BILL

[The page and line references are to HL Bill 21, the bill as first printed for the Lords.]

Before Clause 1

1 Insert the following new Clause –

“The 2010 poverty target

- (1) The Secretary of State must, as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of the 2010 target year and in any event not later than 30 June 2012, lay before Parliament a report on whether the 2010 target has been met.
- (2) The 2010 target is that in the financial year beginning with 1 April 2010, 1.7 million children or fewer live in qualifying households in the UK that fell within the relevant income group for the purposes of section 2 (the relative low income target).
- (3) The report must be based on statistics that the Statistics Board has designated under section 12 of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 (assessment) as national statistics.
- (4) Whether the target has been met in relation to the 2010 target year is to be determined by reference to the statistics.
- (5) If the target has not been met, the report must explain why it has not been met.
- (6) “The 2010 target year” is the financial year beginning with 1 April 2010.”

Clause 8

2 Page 4, line 22, at end insert –

“() the provision of information, advice and assistance to parents and the promotion of parenting skills,”

3 Page 4, line 23, at beginning insert “physical and mental”

4 Page 4, line 25, at end insert –

- “() When considering for the purpose of a UK strategy what measures ought to be taken in relation to each of those areas, the Secretary of State –
- (a) must consider which groups of children in the United Kingdom appear to be disproportionately affected by socio-economic disadvantage, and
 - (b) must consider the likely impact of each measure on children within each of those groups.”

Clause 9

5 Page 5, line 22, leave out first “or” and insert “and”

6 Page 5, line 23, after “fit,” insert –

- “(ca) must consult such parents, and organisations working with or representing parents, as the Secretary of State thinks fit,”

Clause 12

7 Page 8, line 17, leave out first “or” and insert “and”

8 Page 8, line 18, after “fit,” insert –

- “(ca) must consult such parents, and organisations working with or representing parents, as the devolved administration thinks fit,”

Clause 17

9 Page 10, leave out lines 20 and 21

10 Page 10, line 32, leave out subsection (3)

Clause 22

11 Page 14, line 1, leave out first “or” and insert “and”

12 Page 14, line 2, at end insert –

- “() must consult such parents, and organisations working with or representing parents, as the authority thinks fit, and”

Before Clause 25

13 Insert the following new Clause –

“Free school lunches and milk

- (1) In section 512ZB of the Education Act 1996 (provision of free school lunches and milk), in subsection (4) –
- (a) after “A person” insert “(“C”)",
 - (b) in paragraph (a) –
 - (i) for “his parent” substitute “C’s parent”,
 - (ii) at the end of sub-paragraph (iia), insert “or”, and
 - (iii) omit sub-paragraph (iv) (including the “or” immediately following it),
 - (c) after paragraph (a) insert –

- “(aa) C meets any conditions prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph and C’s parent is, in such circumstances as may be so prescribed –
- (i) in receipt of any benefit or allowance not falling within paragraph (a) that is so prescribed, or
 - (ii) entitled to any tax credit under the Tax Credits Act 2002 or element of such a tax credit, that is so prescribed, or”
- (d) in paragraph (b) –
- (i) for “he, himself, is –” substitute “C is –”,
 - (ii) at the end of sub-paragraph (ii), insert “or”, and
 - (iii) omit sub-paragraph (iii), and
- (e) at the end insert –
- “(c) C meets any conditions prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph and is –
- (i) in receipt of any benefit or allowance not falling within paragraph (b) that is so prescribed, or
 - (ii) entitled to any tax credit under the Tax Credits Act 2002 or element of such a tax credit, that is so prescribed.”
- (2) Any regulations made under paragraph (a)(iv) of subsection (4) of section 512ZB of the Education Act 1996 and in force immediately before the coming into force of this section are to have effect as if made under paragraph (aa) of that subsection.
- (3) Any regulations made under paragraph (b)(iii) of subsection (4) of section 512ZB of the Education Act 1996 and in force immediately before the coming into force of this section are to have effect as if made under paragraph (c) of that subsection.”

Clause 25

- 14** Page 15, line 12, at end insert –
- ““parent” means –
- (a) any individual who has parental responsibility for a child, or
 - (b) any other individual with whom a child resides and who has care of the child;”
- 15** Page 15, line 15, at end insert –
- “(2) In paragraph (a) of the definition of “parent” in subsection (1), the reference to “parental responsibility” –
- (a) in relation to England and Wales, is to be read in accordance with the Children Act 1989,
 - (b) in relation to Northern Ireland, is to be read in accordance with the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, and
 - (c) in relation to Scotland, is to be read as a reference to parental responsibilities within the meaning of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995.”

Clause 28

- 16 Page 16, line 8, leave out “extends” and insert “and section (*Free school lunches and milk*) extend”

Clause 29

- 17 Page 16, line 10, after “2” insert “and section (*Free school lunches and milk*)”
- 18 Page 16, line 11, leave out “comes” and insert “and section (*Free school lunches and milk*) come”

Schedule 1

- 19 Page 17, line 18, leave out from beginning to “appoint” and insert “The Commission may”

Schedule 2

- 20 Page 20, line 34, leave out “(c)” and insert “(ca)”
- 21 Page 20, line 37, leave out “(c)” and insert “(ca)”