

PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU

REFERRAL OF BILL AT STAGE 1: DISABLED CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (TRANSITIONS TO ADULTHOOD) (SCOTLAND) BILL

Introduction

1. The Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill was introduced in the Parliament on 20 April 2022 by Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP.

Discussion

2. The Bill seeks to improve the transition to adulthood for disabled children and young people. It seeks to do this by: requiring there to be a National Transitions Strategy; assigning responsibility for the Bill's provisions to a specific Minister; and requiring local authorities to put in place transitions plans for every disabled child and young person.

3. The Bill falls within the remit of the following committees:

Education, Children and Young People Committee

The Bill concerns children and young people. Such matters are within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills. The remit of the Education, Children and Young People Committee includes to consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills and as such its remit is engaged.

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

The Bill is concerned with achieving equality of opportunity for disabled children and young people. The Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee's remit includes consideration of matters relating to equal opportunities and for that reason its remit is engaged.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

The Bill places duties on local authorities. The Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee's remit includes local government matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government and for that reason its remit is engaged.

4. It is understood that the Education, Children and Young People Committee has the main interest in this Bill.

Recommendation

5. It is suggested that the Bureau recommends to the Parliament that the Education, Children and Young People Committee be designated as the lead committee. We are not aware of any desire on the part of either the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee or the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee to be designated as a secondary committee. However, the lack of a formal designation does not prevent any committee from considering the Bill if it so wishes.
6. A draft motion is set out below.

DRAFT MOTION

Designation of Lead Committee: That the Parliament agrees that the Education, Children and Young People Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

**Parliamentary Business Team
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