

Education and Lifelong Learning Committee

EDUCATION BILL 2001

FACTUAL OVERVIEW

1. The Education Bill 2001 was introduced to Parliament on 22 November (First Reading) and published the following day.
2. The Bill extends to England and Wales only. It is divided into 11 Parts and has 211 clauses and 22 Schedules. In the main, the provisions (148 clauses) relate to both England and Wales; a number of provisions (32 clauses) relate to Wales-only; a number of provisions (31 clauses) relate to England-only.
3. Except for measures not within the devolution settlement, the Bill enables the National Assembly to implement Wales specific and Wales related provisions at the Assembly's discretion.
4. **Part 1:** makes provision (12 clauses) for new legal frameworks in order to support innovation and new forms of service delivery in schools.
5. **Part 2:** makes arrangements (5 clauses) for enabling the Secretary of State or the National Assembly to give financial assistance for childcare, education and matters connected with education.
6. **Part 3:** makes provisions (33 clauses) with respect to the government and financing of maintained schools including admissions, exclusions and attendance.
7. **Part 4:** makes provision (11 clauses) for intervention in schools causing concern and LEAs.
8. **Part 5:** makes provision (10 clauses) about Academies and city colleges, and proposals to establish, alter or discontinue schools.
9. **Part 6:** relates to the National Curriculum (21 clauses) in England.
10. **Part 7:** separates out the National Curriculum for Wales from that for England (22 clauses).

It allows the National Assembly to introduce a Foundation Stage.

11. **Part 8:** makes provisions (30 clauses) for teachers' pay and conditions, appraisal, qualifications and mis-conduct; provides for teacher and headteacher qualifications in schools and lecturers and principal qualifications in further education institutions.

12. **Part 9:** makes adjustments (8 clauses) to provision in respect of nursery education and childcare in the Children Act 1989 and the Schools Standards and Framework Act 1998.

13. **Part 10:** makes provisions (18 clauses) about independent schools, including inspection and right of entry by LEAs for the purposes of monitoring SEN provision.

14. **Part 11:** miscellaneous and general resources (41 clauses) – for example – relating to education and training outside of school; allowances for education and training; the definition of secondary education; right of entry by inspectors; and SEN for Wales.