Consultation on the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill

Evidence submitted to the Children, Young People and Education Committee for Stage 1 scrutiny of the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill.

About you

Individual

1. The Bill’s general principles

1.1 Do you support the principles of the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill?

No

1.2 Please outline your reasons for your answer to question 1.1
(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 1500 words)

As Wales has no state religion since the disestablishment from the Church of England, religion education should removed from any mandatory curriculum.

The provisions in the bill for assessment and learner progression fail to address the need for a learner to have the right of appeal and independent verification in the event of any dispute of a teacher assessment of a learner progress and attainment capability.

1.3 Do you think there is a need for legislation to deliver what this Bill is trying to achieve?
(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words)

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2. The Bill’s implementation

2.1 Do you have any comments about any potential barriers to implementing the Bill? If no, go to question 3.1
(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words)

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2.2 Do you think the Bill takes account of these potential barriers?
(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words)

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3. Unintended consequences

3.1 Do you think there are any unintended consequences arising from the Bill? If no, go to question 4.1
(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words)

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4. Financial implications

4.1 Do you have any comments on the financial implications of the Bill (as set out in Part 2 of the Explanatory Memorandum)? If no, go to question 5.1
(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words)

Yes

The conditions proposed do not protect a learner, financial cost should not be a consideration for whether a learner follows a particular course of study
5. **Powers to make subordinate legislation**

5.1 Do you have any comments on the appropriateness of the powers in the Bill for Welsh Ministers to make subordinate legislation (as set out in Chapter 5 of Part 1 of the *Explanatory Memorandum*). If no, go to question 6.1.

*(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words)*

Yes, this is inappropriate, ministers change with elections, and this mechanism may be abused in the future to fast track curriculum changes without the current legislative oversight.

The lessons learnt from the rise of Nazi Germany and the rapid indoctrination the German children went through in the 1930s come to mind.

6. **Other considerations**

6.1 Do you have any other points you wish to raise about this Bill?

*(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 1000 words)*

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