

WELSH LANGUAGE AND EDUCATION (WALES) BILL – STAGE 3 GOVERNMENT AMENDMENTS

The information below is designed to explain the purpose and effect of the amendments tabled in the name of Mark Drakeford MS on 23 April 2025 – please see [Notice of Amendments – 23 April 2025](#)

Adt.	Explanation
20	Amendments 20-23 are amendments to the Welsh text only. They are required in order to be consistent with the Welsh Government's drafting style.
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24	The purpose and effect of this technical amendment is to provide a definition of "Welsh language education" for the purposes of Part 1 of the Bill.
25	This amendment has been withdrawn.
26	This amendment is consequential to amendment 27.
27	<p>This amendment sets out the minimum amount of Welsh language education for each language category. The Welsh Ministers may, by regulations, change the minimum amount of Welsh language education for each language category but the amendment provides that the minimum cannot be lower than 80% for the "Primarily Welsh Language" category, 50% for the "Dual Language" category and 10% for the "Primarily English Language, partly Welsh" category.</p> <p>Subsection (4) places a duty on the Welsh Ministers to decide whether to exercise the power to make regulations in relation to the minimum amount of Welsh language education for the "Primarily English language, partly Welsh" category within a 5-year period after this section comes into force and every 5 years after the most recent decision.</p> <p>Subsection (5) requires the Welsh Ministers to consider the likely effect of the minimum amounts on achieving the targets set in the Welsh language strategy, (which includes the target of at least a million Welsh speakers by 2050). This subsection reflects the intentions behind amendments 119 and 120 tabled by Cefin Campbell at Stage 2.</p>
28	This amendment adds clarity to the Welsh language learning goals and which learning goals apply. This drafting better reflects the practicality of how the learning goals are to be upgraded by regulations.

29	This amendment requires the Welsh Ministers to consider the likely effect of the learning goals on achieving the targets set in the Welsh language strategy (which includes the target of at least a million Welsh speakers by 2050). This amendment reflects the intentions behind amendments 119 and 120 tabled by Cefin Campbell at Stage 2.
30	This amendment is consequential to amendment 28. It provides the meaning of a “year group” in a school.
31	This amendment makes clear that the exemptions under section 18 and 19 of the Bill relate to schools in the “Primarily English Language, partly Welsh” category.
32	This amendment removes subsections 13(2) to (5) as a result of amendment 27. Specifying the minimum amount of Welsh language education for each language category on the face of the Bill means that these subsections are not required. Subsection 13(5) is mirrored in amendment 27.
33	This amendment is a minor technical change arising as a result of amendment 27.
34	This amendment is a minor technical change.
35	This amendment is a technical amendment reflecting the purpose of promoting Welsh language education in “Primarily Welsh Language” schools.
36	This amendment removes subsection 24(3)(d) of the Bill as an amendment agreed at Stage 2 replicates this provision in section 25 in relation to the education workforce.
37	This amendment removes subsection 24(6)(c) of the Bill as an amendment agreed at Stage 2 replicate this provision in section 25 in relation to the education workforce.
38	These amendments are to the English text only. They ensure drafting consistency in the English text of the Bill.
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40	This is a technical change for drafting accuracy.
41	This is a technical change for drafting accuracy.
42	This amendment is to the English text only. It is required to ensure drafting consistency between the English and Welsh text of the Bill.
43	This is a technical change for drafting accuracy.
44	This is a technical amendment linked to amendment 72.

45 This amendment is consequential to amendment 28.

46 This amendment is consequential on amendment 27 and 28. The effect of the amendment is to provide that regulations made under sections 10 and 11 are subject to the affirmative procedure.
