

SCHEDULE 2

MINOR AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS AND REPEALS

Education Act 1996 (c. 56)

- 9 (1) Section 390 (constitution of advisory councils) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1), after “local authority” insert “in England”.
- (3) After subsection (1) insert—
- “(1A) A local authority in Wales shall constitute a standing advisory council on Religion, Values and Ethics for the purposes mentioned in section 391(1A).”
- (4) In subsection (2), for “The council” substitute “A council constituted under subsection (1) or (1A)”.
- (5) In subsection (3), for “The council” substitute “A council constituted under subsection (1) or (1A)”.
- (6) In subsection (4)—
- (a) in paragraph (a), before “a group” insert “in the case of an area in England,”;
- (b) after paragraph (a) insert—
- “(aa) in the case of an area in Wales, a group of persons to represent—
- (i) Christian denominations and other religions and denominations of such religions, and
- (ii) non-religious philosophical convictions;”.
- (7) In subsection (6), after “appointed” insert “by a local authority in England”.
- (8) After subsection (6) insert—
- “(6A) A local authority in Wales, in appointing persons to a representative group under subsection (4)(aa), must take all reasonable steps to secure the outcome referred to in subsection (6B).
- (6B) The outcome is that the number of members appointed to the group to represent a religion, denomination or non-religious philosophical conviction shall, so far as is consistent with the efficient discharge of the group’s functions, reflect broadly the proportionate strength of that religion, denomination or non-religious philosophical conviction in the area.”
- (9) After subsection (7) insert—
- “(8) In exercising functions under this section, a local authority in Wales must have regard to any guidance given by the Welsh Ministers.
- (9) In this section, “non-religious philosophical conviction” has the same meaning as in section 375A(3).”