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*[The page and line references in this list of amendments
are to the text of the Bill as passed by Dáil Éireann]*

SECTION 7

1. In page 5, to delete lines 19 to 25 and substitute the following:

“ ‘Act of 2018’ means the *Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018*;

‘annual admission notice’ has the same meaning as it has in Part X (inserted by *section 9* of the *Act of 2018*);

‘applicant’ has the meaning assigned to it by subsection (1);

‘board’ includes a committee established under section 44(1) or 44(7) of the *Education and Training Boards Act 2013*;

‘oversubscribed’ has the same meaning as it has in Part X (inserted by *section 9* of the *Act of 2018*);

‘school’ has the same meaning as it has in Part X (inserted by *section 9* of the *Act of 2018*);

‘school year’ has the same meaning as it has in Part X (inserted by *section 9* of the *Act of 2018*);

‘special class’ has the same meaning as it has in Part X (inserted by *section 9* of the *Act of 2018*);

‘special educational needs’ has the same meaning as it has in the *Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004*.”

2. In page 8, line 5, to delete “matter” and substitute “matters”.
3. In page 8, line 31, to delete “therefore” and substitute “therefor”.
4. In page 10, line 31, to delete “in the case of an appeal brought by a parent or a student,”.
5. In page 12, lines 10 and 11, to delete all words from and including “by” in line 10 down to and including line 11 and substitute “when the decision to refuse admission was made.”.
6. In page 13, line 35, to delete “*Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018*” and substitute “*Act of 2018*”.

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7. In page 15, line 6, to delete “may” and substitute “shall”.
8. In page 15, line 15, to delete “28 days” and substitute “14 days”.
9. In page 15, line 28, to delete “may” and substitute “shall”.
10. In page 16, line 7, to delete “21 days” and substitute “14 days”.
11. In page 16, line 19, to delete “21 days” and substitute “14 days”.
12. In page 16, line 26, to delete “may” and substitute “shall”.
13. In page 16, line 34, to delete “21 days” and substitute “14 days”.
14. In page 17, line 1, to delete “21 days” and substitute “14 days”.
15. In page 17, line 8, to delete “may” and substitute “shall”.
16. In page 17, line 19, to delete “21 days” and substitute “14 days”.
17. In page 17, line 28, to delete “21 days” and substitute “14 days”.
18. In page 17, line 34, to delete “may” and substitute “shall”.

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19. In page 23, line 39, to delete “subsection (8)” and substitute “subsections (8) and (9)”.
20. In page 24, line 7, to delete “subsection (9)” and substitute “subsection (10)”.
21. In page 26, between lines 28 and 29, to insert the following:

“(9) (a) Notwithstanding subsection (7)(e)(iii), and subject to this subsection, an Irish language school may prioritise the admission of a student where the school is satisfied that the student has attained a level of fluency in the Irish language and that the said fluency would be likely to regress were the student not admitted to an Irish language school.

(b) An applicant may, when making an application for admission to an Irish language school, include a statement confirming that the student in respect of whom the application concerned relates has attained a level of fluency in the Irish language and that the said fluency would be likely to regress were the student not admitted to an Irish language school.

(c) When making an application in accordance with paragraph (b), the applicant shall provide such evidence as he or she considers appropriate in relation to the level of fluency in the Irish language of the student in respect of whom the application relates, which may include confirmation that the student concerned is available to attend an interview or meeting to demonstrate his or her level of fluency in the Irish language.

(d) In satisfying itself that a student has attained a level of fluency in the Irish language and that the said fluency would be likely to

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regress were the student not admitted to an Irish language school, a school shall take into account only the evidence that the applicant has provided in accordance with paragraph (c).

- (e) An Irish language school may not rank in order of preference, for the purposes of admission to the school concerned, a student who has satisfied the school in accordance with paragraph (a) relative to other students who have satisfied the school in accordance with that paragraph, by virtue of the students' relative fluency in the Irish language.
- (f) Nothing in paragraph (e) shall preclude an Irish language school from applying the selection criteria set out in the school's admission policy to students who have satisfied the school in accordance with paragraph (a), where the number of such students is greater than the number of places available.
- (g) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as permitting an Irish language school to require a student attend an interview or other meeting to assess his or her level of fluency in the Irish language.
- (h) In this subsection—

'Irish language school' means a school that provides education through the medium of Irish;

'level of fluency in the Irish language', in relation to a student, means a level of fluency indicative of what would be expected of a student who uses the Irish language as a normal means of communication in a non-educational environment, taking into account the age and any special educational needs of the student concerned."

- 22. In page 26, line 29, to delete "(9) Subsection (7)(e)(vi)" and substitute "(10) Subsection (7)(e)(vi)".
- 23. In page 26, line 38, to delete "(10)(a) Notwithstanding" and substitute "(11)(a) Notwithstanding".
- 24. In page 27, to delete lines 9 and 10 and substitute the following:

"(12) In this section—

'code of behaviour' has the same meaning as it has in the Education (Welfare) Act 2000;

'pre-school service' has the same meaning as it has in section 58A (inserted by section 92 of the Child and Family Agency Act 2013) of the Child Care Act 1991."

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25. In page 28, line 5, after “sought,” to insert “include”.
26. In page 31, to delete lines 7 to 9.
27. In page 37, line 26, after “an” to insert “annual”.