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Education Act 1998 (No. 51)

Equal Status Act 2000 (No. 8)



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Bill

entitled

An Act to end religious discrimination in admission to primary and post-primary educational establishments and to provide for full participation of pupils of all faiths and none in primary and post-primary educational establishments. 5

Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows:

Exclusion of discrimination on religious grounds for admission to educational establishments 10

1. The Equal Status Act 2000 is amended by deleting subsection (3)(c) of section 7.

Amendment of Education Act 1998

2. (1) The Education Act 1998 shall be amended—

(i) in section 2 by the deletion of the definition of “characteristic spirit” in section 2, 15

(ii) in section 9(d) by the deletion of “spiritual,” and

(iii) in section 9(d) by the substitution of “characteristic spirit of the school” with “constitutional and human rights of all persons concerned.”

(2) The Education Act 1998 shall be amended in section 15—

(a) in subsection (2)(b) by the deletion of “uphold, and be accountable to the patron for so upholding, the characteristic spirit of the school as determined by the cultural, educational, moral, religious, social, linguistic and spiritual values and traditions which inform and are characteristic of the objectives and conduct of the school, and”, and 20

(b) in subsection (2)(d) by the deletion of “the characteristic spirit of the school and”. 25

(c) in section 30 by—

(i) deletion of subsection (2)(b),

(ii) the substitution of the following for subsection (2)(d):

“(d) shall ensure that religious instruction and faith formation classes shall take place after core school hours.”, 30

(iii) in subsection (2)(e) by the insertion of “and shall establish minimum standards in relation to the nature of exemptions for students who do not want to attend such classes in accordance with parental choice, or their own choice in cases of students aged 18 years of age or over, having regard to the constitutional and human rights of all persons concerned.”, and 5

(iv) by the insertion of subsection (2)(f):

“(f) shall require all schools to provide knowledge and information in the State-prescribed curriculum in an objective, critical and pluralistic manner that avoids indoctrination, outside of the specific context of religious instruction and faith formation classes where exemptions apply.”. 10

Short title

3. This Act may be cited as the Equal Participation in Schools Act 2016.

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dá ngairtear

Acht do chur deireadh le hidirdhealú ar bhonn creidimh i dtaca le daltaí a ligean isteach i mbunachais bhunoideachais agus iarbhunoideachais agus do dhéanamh socrú maidir le rannpháirtíocht iomlán daltaí de gach creideamh agus daltaí gan aon chreideamh i mbunachais bhunoideachais agus iarbhunoideachais.

Na Teachtaí Ruth Coppinger, Pól Ó Murchú, Mick Barry a thug isteach,

20 Iúil, 2016

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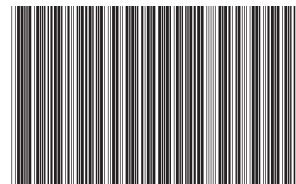
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