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RECOGNITION OF IRISH SIGN LANGUAGE FOR THE DEAF COMMUNITY BILL 2016 —COMMITTEE

Leasuithe Amendments

SECTION 1

1. In page 3, between lines 12 and 13, to insert the following:

“ ‘Irish Sign Language’ means the sign language used by the majority of the deaf community in the State;”.

—An tAire Dlí agus Cirt agus Comhionannais.

2. In page 3, line 24, to delete “the Companies Acts” and substitute “the Companies Act 2014”.

—An tAire Dlí agus Cirt agus Comhionannais.

3. In page 3, line 25, to delete “any Scheme” and substitute “any scheme”.

—An tAire Dlí agus Cirt agus Comhionannais.

4. In page 3, line 26, to delete “the Companies Acts” and substitute “the Companies Act 2014”.

—An tAire Dlí agus Cirt agus Comhionannais.

5. In page 3, line 30, to delete “the Companies Acts” and substitute “the Companies Act 2014”.

—An tAire Dlí agus Cirt agus Comhionannais.

6. In page 4, to delete lines 1 to 5 and substitute the following:

“(h) any other person, body, organisation or group prescribed under *section 6(5)*.”.

—An tAire Dlí agus Cirt agus Comhionannais.

SECTION 2

7. In page 4, line 9, to delete “this section” and substitute “this Act”.

—An tAire Dlí agus Cirt agus Comhionannais.

SECTION 3

8. In page 4, line 17, to delete “and the corresponding duty” and substitute “which is an indigenous language in its own right used by a sizeable minority in the State and the duty”.

—Clare Daly.

[SECTION 5]

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9. In page 4, line 37, to delete “*in loco parentis*” and substitute “in loco parentis”.

—An tAire Dlí agus Cirt agus Comhionannais.

10. In page 5, between lines 16 and 17, to insert the following:

“(e) introduce Irish Sign Language alphabet to all mainstream primary schools.”.

—Clare Daly.

SECTION 6

11. In page 5, lines 19 and 20, to delete “and cannot hear or understand English or Irish”.

—Clare Daly.

12. In page 5, to delete line 21 and substitute “statutory entitlements or services provided by or under statute by that public body.”.

—An tAire Dlí agus Cirt agus Comhionannais.

13. In page 5, to delete lines 23 to 25 and substitute the following:

“(3) The Minister may by regulations—

- (a) provide that where a person intends to avail of Irish Sign Language services provided by a public body, the person shall give the public body such prior notification of his or her intention within such period as specified in the regulations, or
- (b) provide for the procedure in relation to the provision of such services by a public body.”.

—An tAire Dlí agus Cirt agus Comhionannais.

14. In page 5, between lines 28 and 29, to insert the following:

“(5) The Minister may prescribe as a public body such other person, body, organisation or group financed wholly or partly out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas (being a person, body, organisation or group that, in the opinion of the Minister, ought, in the public interest and having regard to the provisions and intentions of this Act, to be so prescribed).”.

—An tAire Dlí agus Cirt agus Comhionannais.

SECTION 9

15. In page 6, between lines 1 and 2, to insert the following:

“Support for access to events, services and activities for users of Irish Sign Language

9. (1) The Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection may, with the consent of the Minister for Expenditure and Reform, out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas, provide funds to facilitate users of Irish Sign Language with regard to support in relation to access to social, educational and cultural events and services (including medical) and other activities by such users as specified in guidelines made by that Minister of the Government.

[SECTION 9]

- (2) Guidelines under this section shall specify the events, services and activities to which the guidelines apply and shall make provision regarding the management and delivery of the support in relation to access to those events, services or activities by users of Irish Sign Language.”.

—An tAire Dlí agus Cirt agus Comhionannais.

16. In page 6, between lines 1 and 2, to insert the following:

“Report of operation of Act

9. (1) The Minister shall, not later than 3 years after the date on which this Act is enacted and every 5 years thereafter require a report to be prepared on the operation of this Act.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of *subsection (1)*, a report under this section shall include an assessment of—
- (a) whether any amendments to the scope and contents of this Act are necessary or desirable,
 - (b) whether additional provisions need to be made in relation to supports for a child within the school system whose primary language is Irish Sign Language, and
 - (c) the qualifications for the minimum level of Irish Sign Language competency for persons who are teaching a child whose primary language is Irish Sign Language.
- (3) The Minister shall ensure that persons or organisations that are representative of the interests of the members of the deaf community are consulted on the matters to be considered in a report prepared under this section.
- (4) The Minister shall cause a copy of a report prepared under this section to be laid before each House of the Oireachtas.”.

—An tAire Dlí agus Cirt agus Comhionannais.

[Acceptance of this amendment involves the deletion of section 9 of the Bill.]

SECTION 10

17. In page 6, lines 22 and 23, to delete “Recognition of Irish Sign Language for the Deaf Community Act 2017” and substitute “Irish Sign Language Act 2017”.

—An tAire Dlí agus Cirt agus Comhionannais.

18. In page 6, lines 22 and 23, to delete “for the Deaf Community”.

—Clare Daly.