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

SECTION 1

1. In page 3, between lines 12 and 13, the following inserted:
“ ‘Irish Sign Language’ means the sign language used by the majority of the deaf community in the State;”.
2. In page 3, line 24, “the Companies Acts” deleted and “the Companies Act 2014” substituted.
3. In page 3, line 25, “any Scheme” deleted and “any scheme” substituted.
4. In page 3, line 26, “the Companies Acts” deleted and “the Companies Act 2014” substituted.
5. In page 3, line 30, “the Companies Acts” deleted and “the Companies Act 2014” substituted.
6. In page 4, lines 1 to 5 deleted and the following substituted:
“(h) any other person, body, organisation or group prescribed under *section 6(5)*.”.

SECTION 2

7. In page 4, line 9, “this section” deleted and “this Act” substituted.

[SECTION 5]

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8. In page 4, line 37, “*in loco parentis*” deleted and “*in loco parentis*” substituted.

SECTION 6

9. In page 5, line 21 deleted and “statutory entitlements or services provided by or under statute by that public body.” substituted.
10. In page 5, lines 23 to 25 deleted and the following substituted:

“(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.”.

11. In page 5, between lines 28 and 29, the following inserted:

“(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).”.

SECTION 9

12. In page 6, between lines 1 and 2, the following inserted:

“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 Public 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.
- (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.”.

13. In page 6, between lines 1 and 2, the following inserted:

“Report of operation of Act

10. (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.

[SECTION 9]

- (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.”

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

SECTION 10

- 14.** In page 6, lines 22 and 23, “Recognition of Irish Sign Language for the Deaf Community Act 2017” deleted and “Irish Sign Language Act 2017” substituted.