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Scottish Languages Bill

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PAIRT 2

SCOTS

CHAPTER 1

UPHAUDIN O THE SCOTS LEID

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Status of the Scots leid

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- (1) The Scots leid has official status athin Scotland.
- (2) Subsection (1) is gied legal effect by the provisions in this Act grantin functions tae the Scots Ministers and ither fowk as regards tae promotin, forderin and uphauidin the uise o the Scots leid.
- (3) Subsection (1) daesnae affect—
 - (a) the wirkins o ony ither enactment or rule o law,
 - (b) the status o ony ither leid.
- (4) In this Pairt “Scots leid” means the Scots leid as uised in Scotland.

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Scots leid strategy

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- (1) The Scottish Ministers maun devise a Scots leid strategy.
- (2) The Scots leid strategy—
 - (a) maun set oot the Scots Ministers’ goals as regards tae promotin, forderin and uphauidin the uise o the Scots leid,
 - (b) maun set oot the Scots Ministers’ plans for raxin thon goals,
 - (c) maun set oot schames for trackin progress taewards raxin the goals,
 - (d) micht set oot ony ither maitters as regards tae promotin, forderin and uphauidin the uise o the Scots leid that the Scots Ministers think ocht tae be includit.

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- (3) In devisin the Scots leid strategy, the Scots Ministers maun furthset a draft strategy and speir at—
- (a) fowk wi an interest in the promotion o the Scots leid,
 - (b) fowk wi an interest in the furthsettin o buiks and ither resoources in the Scots leid, and
 - (c) sic ither fowk as they jalouse fit.
- (4) The Scots Ministers maun—
- (a) furthset the Scots leid strategy in sic a wey as they jalouse fit, and
 - (b) pit a copy o the strategy afore the Scots Pairliament.
- (5) Subsection (4) maun be complied with afore the end o the period o 12 months stairtin wi the day this section comes intae force.
- (6) The Scots Ministers—
- (a) maun keep the Scots leid strategy unner review, and
 - (b) micht chynge it as they jalouse fit.
- (7) Subsections (2) tae (4) and (6) apply as regards tae ony chynge tae the Scots leid strategy jist as they apply as regards tae the original Scots leid strategy.

28 Reportin on Scots leid strategy

- (1) The Scots Ministers maun, as suin as they reasonably can efter the end o ilka reportin period, devise a report setting oot—
- (a) progress makkit in the reportin period as regards tae the goals and plans includit in the Scots leid strategy,
 - (b) steps taen in the reportin period tae keep the Scots leid strategy unner review.
- (2) The Scots Ministers maun—
- (a) furthset the report in sic a wey as they jalouse fit, and
 - (b) pit a copy o the report afore the Scots Pairliament.
- (3) In this section “reportin period” means the period o 5 years stairtin wi the day that the Scots leid strategy wis furthset last.

29 Effect o Scots leid strategy

- (1) The Scots Ministers maun tak tent o the Scots leid strategy regairdin—
- (a) makkin policies (includin proposals for legislation), and
 - (b) makkin uise o their functions.
- (2) A relevant public authority maun tak tent o the Scots leid strategy in makkin uise o its functions.
- (3) In this Chapter “relevant public authority” means—
- (a) a Scots public authority,

- (b) sae far as no fawin athin paragraph (a), a cross-border public authority (but anely as regards tae functions that micht be makkit uise o in or wi regaird tae Scotland that dinnae relate tae reserved maitters), and
- (c) the Scots Pairliamentary Corporate Body.

5 *Pouer for Scots Ministers tae gie guidance*

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- (1) The Scots Ministers micht gie guidance tae relevant public authorities relatin tae—
 - (a) promotin, forderin and uphaudin the uise o the Scots leid,
 - (b) growin and giein a lift tae Scots culture.
- 10 (2) In makkin uise o its functions, a relevant public authority maun tak tent o any guidance gied by the Scots Ministers unner subsection (1).
- (3) In devisin guidance unner subsection (1), the Scots Ministers maun speir at—
 - (a) fowk wi an interest in the promotion o—
 - 15 (i) the Scots leid,
 - (ii) Scots culture,
 - (b) fowk wi an interest in the furthsettin o buiks and ither resoources in the Scots leid, and
 - (c) sic ither fowk as they jalouse fit.
- (4) The Scots Ministers maun furthset ony guidance gied unner subsection (1).
- 20 (5) In this section “Scots culture” includes the traditions, ideas, customs, heritage and identity o them that spik or unnerstaun the Scots leid.

CHAPTER 2

SCHUIL EDUCATION

31 Scots leid education in schuils

- 25 (1) The Scots Ministers maun promote, forder and uphaud Scots leid education in schools.
- (2) An education authority maun promote, forder and uphaud Scots leid education in the schools unner its management.
- (3) In this Chapter “Scots leid education” means education consistin o teachin and lairnin in the uise and unnerstaunin o the Scots leid.

30 **32 Guidance tae education authorities relatin tae Scots leid education**

- (1) The Scots Ministers micht gie guidance tae education authorities as regards tae Scots leid education in schuils.
- (2) In makking uise o its functions relatin tae schuil education, an education authority maun tak tent o ony guidance gied by the Scots Ministers unner subsection (1).

- (3) In devisin guidance unner subsection (1), the Scots Ministers maun speir at—
- (a) fowk wi an interest in the promotion o the Scots leid,
 - (b) fowk wi an interest in the furthsettin o books and ither resoources in the Scots leid,
and
 - (c) sic ither fowk as they jalouse fit.
- (4) The Scots Ministers maun furthset ony guidance gied unner subsection (1).

33 Staunards relatin tae Scots leid education

- (1) The Scots Ministers micht by wey o regulations set oot the staunards and requirements that an education authority maun conform tae in makkng uise o its functions relatin tae Scots leid education in the schuils unner its management.
- (2) Regulations unner subsection (1) micht allow for different provision for different aims and different areas (includin different pairts o the area o an education authority).
- (3) Regulations unner subsection (1) are subject tae the negative procedure.
- (4) In devisin regulations unner subsection (1), the Scots Ministers maun speir at—
- (a) education authorities,
 - (b) fowk wi an interest in the promotion o the Scots leid,
 - (c) fowk wi an interest in the furthsettin o buiks and ither resoources in the Scots leid,
and
 - (d) sic other fowk as they jalouse fit.

34 Reportin on Scots leid education

The Scots Ministers maun mak siccar o the provision o reports settin oot progress makkit in the delivery o Scots leid education in schuils.