

# Parliamentary Bureau – Referral of a Bill at Stage 1

## Education (Scotland) Bill

### Introduction

1. The Education (Scotland) Bill was introduced in the Parliament on 4 June 2024 by the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, Jenny Gilruth MSP.

### Discussion

2. The Bill makes provision to:
  - dissolve the Scottish Qualifications Authority and replace it with a new body, Qualifications Scotland, with functions to develop and award qualifications, undertake quality assurance on the delivery of their qualifications, accredit qualifications, and advise Scottish Ministers, and
  - establish the office of His Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland to replace the inspection functions provided by Education Scotland and His Majesty’s inspectors of schools including to inspect relevant educational establishments, enter into voluntary arrangements for inspection or advice, and to advise the Scottish Ministers.
3. The Bill is focussed on these two purposes, and does not contain any other, separate content. This falls into the remit of the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills. The remit of the Education, Children and Young People Committee includes matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills.
4. No other committee remit appears to be engaged.

### Recommendation

5. The Bureau is therefore invited to agree to refer the Education (Scotland) Bill to the Education, Children and Young People Committee under Rule 9.6.1 for consideration at Stage 1.

Parliamentary Business Team

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