

P-06-1533 Review and update Provisions 2-10 of The Learner Travel Measure (Wales) 2008

This petition was submitted by Rebecca Smart, having collected a total of 2,185 signatures.

Text of petition:

We, the undersigned, request the Welsh Government to review and update provisions 2-10 of the Learner Travel Measure (Wales) 2008. Namely, local authorities' duty to assess learner travel needs and transport arrangements, including travel limits. Post-16 and nursery education travel. Equality in travel arrangements and promotion of the Welsh Language.

In 2021, Welsh ministers committed to reviewing the Measure, highlighting the issues; however, it remains unchanged.

Additional information:

This request follows sustained concerns from members of the public and independent bodies, including the Children's Commissioner for Wales, surrounding child welfare, such as safety, impact on mental well-being, education, and children's physical health.

In 2021, Welsh ministers noted issues with the current Measure, some of which extended beyond the scope of current legislation, saying a do-nothing approach was inappropriate. It concluded that interim work justified a comprehensive review of the Measure, preventing "further inequality, inconsistency in provision and further outdated codes and guidance". However, members stated there was no time within the administration to begin a formal process to change the Measure before the pre-election period started, so it remains unchanged.

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