

A new Home Education Bill had its First Reading in the House of Lords on June 27th 2017. <http://edyourself.org/peakcamphandout.pdf>

So far nobody is likely to know what the Bill says unless someone has drawn their attention to it, and arguably there is no reason for them to be alerted at this stage since it will not be discussed in the House of Lords until **October/November** and then only for a couple of hours maximum (**2nd Reading**). Depending on the timing of this, the next stage could be **either side of Christmas**, where the peer who put forward the Bill will deal with suggestions (**amendments**) put forward by other members of the House of Lords (**Committee**). Again this will only be an hour or two single session.

The most important features of this Bill are:

1. that it is a Private Members Bill and
2. that it has started **in the Lords**, not the Commons

Stages of a Bill

The stages of a Bill comprise First Reading, Second Reading, Committee, Third Reading, Report in the ORIGINATING House (Commons or Lords) FOLLOWED BY the same in the OTHER House (ie going through all the same stages in the Commons if started in the Lords and vice versa)

Since the Home Education Bill has had its First Reading, we need to look at [Second Reading for a Bill starting in the Lords](#) and from there to [Committee](#) which is where **AMENDMENTS** come into play.

There is **NOT** a dedicated committee set up for the purpose of scrutinising this type of Bill; instead any peer who wishes to take part in the debate on the allotted Friday may do so and may also table amendments. In addition, peers are **NOT** summoned to vote so there might only be a dozen people taking part.

Previous Bills in a comparable situation

1. stop at 2nd Reading;
2. stop at Committee; or
3. stop at the end of the House of Lords because there is no parliamentary time to squeeze them into the Commons.

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