

Judicial Review and Courts Bill

AMENDMENTS TO BE MOVED ON REPORT

Clause 6

LORD PONSONBY OF SHULBREDE

Page 11, line 13, at end insert –

“and has received the advice of a legal representative prior to submitting a plea.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would guarantee that defendants have access to legal advice before submitting a plea.

After Clause 13

LORD PONSONBY OF SHULBREDE

Insert the following new Clause –

“Magistrates’ increased sentencing powers: reporting

- (1) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament a report every four months regarding the operation of the increased sentencing powers afforded to magistrates by virtue of section 13 of this Act and paragraph 24A of Schedule 22 to the Sentencing Act 2020 (inserted by paragraph 20 of Schedule 2 to this Act).
- (2) The report must include –
 - (a) data on the use of the increased sentencing powers in magistrates’ courts and their impact on sentencing outcomes, and
 - (b) a breakdown of sentencing outcomes for those with protected characteristics.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure that the new increased magistrates’ sentencing powers would be subject to regular reporting on their impact, including with respect to those with protected characteristics, every four months.

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