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13 February 2020

Dear Llywydd,

The Education (Student Support) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2020

In accordance with section 11A(4) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946, as inserted by Sch.10 para 3 of the Government of Wales Act 2006, I am notifying you that this Statutory Instrument (SI) will come into force less than 21 days from the date of laying. The Explanatory Memorandum is attached for your information.

The Education (Student Support) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2020 (“the Regulations”) amend the Education (Student Support) (Wales) Regulations 2017, the Education (Student Support) (Wales) Regulations 2018 and the Education (Student Support) (Postgraduate Master’s Degrees) (Wales) Regulations 2019.

Student support regulations, made under section 22 of the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1988, underpin the system of financial support for students who are ordinarily resident in Wales and taking designated courses of higher education.

The Regulations will implement the Welsh Government’s policy on student finance for the 2020/21 academic year. The Regulations provide the legal basis for the Welsh Ministers to make grants and loans to students ordinarily resident in Wales. This instrument follows the negative resolution procedure.

As noted, the Regulations as made will come into force before 21 days have elapsed. This is due to an administrative error, which meant an earlier coming into force date was used, although I should make clear this does not have a material effect other than bringing the Regulations into force earlier than originally anticipated. I have considered whether there is any merit in revoking the Regulations and making and laying a new statutory instrument with

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the intended coming into force date, and have concluded that there is not. This will also ensure that there is no delay to the launch of the student finance application process for academic year 2020/21, delay which may impact on students.

An Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared and this has been laid, together with the Regulations, in Table Office.

A copy of this letter goes to Mick Antoniw AM, Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Sian Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Services and Julian Luke, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Evans." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Y Gweinidog Cyllid a'r Trefnydd
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