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Comments regarding the following bill:

149. löggjafarþing 2018–2019.
Pingskjal 1259 — 798. mál.
Stjórnarfrumvarp.

Frumvarp til laga
um lýðskóla.

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Ad 3. gr / 3. : It is unclear whether 'to have' in this case means 'owning' or it can also be 'renting'. Since we, at the LungA Skólinn, are renting our accommodation facility this is an important point to clarify for us, but also for potential new schools elsewhere in the country. It will make it much more accessible for smaller communities to start a school if they can be allowed to rent facilities, at least for part of their activities.

It is hereby proposed to clarify that both renting and owning are approved ways to acquire facilities for school activities.

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Ad 3. gr / 6. : It is unclear what is meant with 15 students pr. year since many folk high schools have students coming for one semester. F.ex. at the LungA Skólinn we have 16 students pr. semester (12 weeks), but they only stay for one semester. So we have 32 different students pr. year, but it could also be argued that we have 16 'year-students'.

It is proposed to qualify what is meant with students pr. year more clearly.

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Ad 3. gr / 7. : Similar as above, it is unclear what is meant exactly with 15 weeks pr. year. F.ex. we currently have operations for 24 weeks pr. year, but each student is there for 12 weeks.

So it is proposed to specify what is meant with 15 weeks pr. year, if it is meant that the school must have, as minimum, 15 weeks of operations pr. year or if it is meant that a student must be there for a minimum of 15 weeks.

We would like to clarify that if it is demanded that a student is at the school for minimum 15 weeks, it will be very difficult for the LungA Skólinn to continue as the facilities we are renting are not available for 2 x 15 weeks pr. year, but only for 2 x 12 weeks as we are currently using them.

We would propose instead to distinguish between short and long programs and specify that short programs (1-2 weeks) are one category and long programs (12-20 weeks) are another programs and that the financial support structure for each kind of program differs.

That would mean that programs that qualify for financial support as long programs under this legislation has to be a minimum of 12 weeks. And then it could be specified also that each school must have at least 15 weeks of operations pr. year.

And then we will propose that the financial support is calculated pr. student pr. week. (student/week)

This is also a way of distinguishing between short and long programs regarding financial support. And it makes it easier to create programs that last for one semester which is what forms the basis for many folk high schools.

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Ad 3. gr / 8. : It is unclear what 'internal evaluation' means in this case. With this I am thinking especially if it is meant that the students are part of the internal evaluation or if it is meant the organisation (board, pedagogical staff, administrative staff, guest staff etc.)?

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