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THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE STUDENTS ASSISTANCE ACT

(Assented to _____, 1971)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. *The Students Assistance Act is hereby amended.*
 2. *The title of the Act is struck out and the following title is substituted "THE STUDENTS FINANCE ACT".*
 3. *Section 1 is amended by striking out the words "The Students Assistance Act" and by substituting the words "The Students Finance Act".*
 4. *Section 2, clause (a) is amended by striking out the words "Students Assistance Board" and by substituting the words "Students Finance Board".*
 5. *Section 3 is struck out and the following sections are substituted:*
 - 3.** (1) There is hereby established the Students Finance Board.
 - (2) The Board shall consist of three persons appointed by the Minister, one of whom shall be designated as chairman.
 - (3) The Board may make rules governing its proceedings.
 - (4) The Board is responsible to the Minister and shall report to him in such manner and at such times as he determines.
- 3.1** (1) The Board shall operate and administer all those programs of students finance that are assigned to it by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.
- (2) Where the Lieutenant Governor in Council assigns a students finance program to the Board under subsection (1) he may

Explanatory Notes

1. This Act will amend chapter 353 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 1970.

The Students Assistance Advisory Council (formerly established under section 11)) will be dissolved by this Act and in its place a new Advisory and Interdepartmental Committee will be set up under the provisions of section 6 of The Department of Education Act.

The purpose of the new Committee, in addition to considering matters connected with student finance, will be to co-ordinate the policies of the different departments of government and at the same time, with representatives of outside bodies, mirror the problems of the students receiving financial aid and the problems of educational institutions which they attend.

2. The title of the Act is changed.

3. Self-explanatory.

4. Definition changed.

5. Section 3 presently reads:

3. (1) There is hereby established the Students Assistance Board.
- (2) The Board shall consist of
 - (a) a chairman appointed by the Minister,
 - (b) a secretary appointed by the Minister,
 - (c) a member of the faculty of each university under The Universities Act appointed by the president of the university, and
 - (d) such other persons as are appointed from time to time by the Minister.
- (3) The Board may establish an executive committee of at least three members, two of whom shall be the chairman and the secretary.

- (a) specify the powers, duties and authority the Board has with respect to the program, and
 - (b) specify which powers, duties and authority formerly exercised by another person or body with respect to the program, are to be exercised by the Board and which are not,
- and thereupon the powers, duties and authority specified become vested in the Board for the purpose of administering and operating the program.

6. Section 6 is amended by renumbering the section as subsection (1) and by adding the following subsection after subsection (1):

(2) The Provincial Treasurer shall establish a fund to be known as the Educational Opportunity Fund into which shall be deposited such moneys as are from time to time provided by the Legislature.

7. Section 7 is struck out and the following is substituted:

7. Subject to this Act and the regulations the Board may

- (a) make loans to students attending public or private educational institutions from the Students Loan Fund, and
- (b) write off all or part of the outstanding student loans made from the Students Loan Fund, or
- (c) from the Educational Opportunity Fund pay off all or part of the outstanding loans made by a chartered bank or a treasury branch to a student under The Students Loan Guarantee Act.

8. Section 11 is struck out.

9. Section 12 is amended by adding the following clauses after clause (e):

- (f) the meaning to be ascribed to any word or expression used in this Act,
- (g) with respect to loans from the Students Loan Fund
 - (i) the conditions upon which and the manner in which student loans are to be written off,
 - (ii) the proportion of the student loan to be written off and the times at which they will be written off,
 - (iii) the students or classes of students whose loans may be written off,

and

6. Section 6 presently reads:

6. The Provincial Treasurer shall establish a fund to be known as the Students Loan Fund into which shall be deposited such moneys as are from time to time provided by the Legislature for the purposes of the fund.

New Educational Opportunity Fund established.

7. Section 7 presently reads:

7. Subject to the provisions of this Act and the regulations the Board may make loans to students from the Students Loan Fund.

8. Section 11 presently reads:

11. (1) There is hereby established the Students Assistance Advisory Council.
- (2) The Council shall consist of
 - (a) the Deputy Minister of Education or an officer of the Department of Education designated by the Deputy Minister to represent him,
 - (b) the president of each university under The Universities Act or a member of the faculty of a university designated by the president to represent him, and
 - (c) such other persons, not exceeding twelve, as are appointed from time to time by the Minister.
- (3) The Deputy Minister of Education or the person designated to represent him shall be the chairman of the Council.
- (4) The secretary of the Board shall be secretary to the Council.
- (5) The Council shall consider matters and questions concerning assistance to students and shall make recommendations to the Minister respecting policies and principles to govern a provincial program of aid to students.

9. Section 12 presently reads:

12. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations for the purpose of carrying out the intent and objects of this Act, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing may make regulations prescribing
- (a) the maximum amount of assistance that may be awarded to a student,
 - (b) the qualifications required by a student to receive assistance,
 - (c) the terms and conditions under which any assistance is awarded,
 - (d) the forms and instruments to be used under this Act, and
 - (e) the terms and conditions of repayment of loans.

- (h) with respect to the Educational Opportunity Fund and the moneys to be paid out of the Fund
 - (i) the person to whom, the conditions upon which and the manner in which student loans are repaid,
 - (ii) the proportion of the student loans to be repaid and the times at which they will be repaid, and
 - (iii) the students or the classes of students whose loans may be repaid.

10. The Students Loan Guarantee Act is amended as to section 2, clause (d) by striking out the words "Students Assistance Board" and by substituting the words "Students Finance Board".

11. This Act comes into force on July 1, 1971.

10. Consequential amendment — Section 2, clause (d) of The Students Loan Guarantee Act presently reads:

2. In this Act,

(d) "student" means a person enrolled in a course of studies at an educational institution, both the course and the institution having been approved by the Students Assistance Board.