

1986 BILL 31

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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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SCHOOL AMENDMENT ACT, 1986

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION

First Reading

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

Third Reading

Royal Assent

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(Assented to _____, 1986)

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

1 The School Act is amended by this Act.

2 Sections 158 and 159 are repealed and the following is substituted:

158 Subject to the regulations, a pupil is entitled

(a) to be taught in the English language, and

(b) if entitled in accordance with section 23 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, to be taught in the French language.

159(1) Subject to the entitlements under section 158, a board may authorize that any language may be used as a language of instruction in all or any of its schools.

(2) A board authorizing a language of instruction under subsection (1) shall comply with the regulations.

(3) The language of instruction must not supersede or in any way interfere with the instruction required by this Act and the regulations.

Explanatory Notes

1 This Bill will amend chapter S-3 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 1980.

2 Sections 158 and 159 presently read:

158 Subject to section 159, all pupils in school shall be taught in the English language.

159(1) A board may authorize

(a) that French be used as a language of instruction, or

(b) that any other language be used as a language of instruction

in addition to the English language, in all or any of its schools.

(2) A board authorizing French or any other language as a language of instruction shall comply with the regulations of the Minister.

(3) Notwithstanding section 80, a board, subject to the regulations of the Minister, may employ one or more competent persons to give instruction in French or any other language to all pupils whose parents have signified a willingness that they should receive it.

(4) The course of instruction must not supersede or in any way interfere with the instruction required by the regulations of the Minister and by this Act.