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AMENDMENT ACT, 1996

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(Assented to , 1996)

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 Section 3 is amended

(a) in subsection (1)(a) by striking out "6" and substituting "5";

(b) in subsection (2)(a) by striking out "6" and substituting "5".

Explanatory Notes

1 Amends chapter S-3.1 of Statutes of Alberta, 1988.

2 Section 3 presently reads:

3(1) Every individual

(a) who at September 1 in a year is 6 years of age or older and younger than 19 years of age, and

(b) who is

(i) a Canadian citizen,

(ii) lawfully admitted to Canada for permanent residence,

(iii) a child of a Canadian citizen, or

(iv) a child of an individual who is lawfully admitted to Canada for permanent or temporary residence

is entitled to have access in that school year to an education program in accordance with this Act.

(2) A board may permit an individual

(a) who at September 1 in a year is younger than 6 years of age

3 *Section 8 is amended*

(a) *by repealing subsection (1)(b) and substituting the following:*

(b) subject to subsection (1.1), at September 1 in a year is 5 years of age or older, and

(b) *by adding the following after subsection (1):*

(1.1) The parent of a student who at September 1 in a year is 5 years of age may defer the enrolment of that student until the next school year.

4 *Section 24 is amended*

(a) *by repealing subsection (1) and substituting the following:*

24(1) A board shall provide an early childhood services program to a student who, as of September 1, is 5 years of age unless the parent has deferred the enrolment of the student pursuant to section 8(1.1).

(b) *by adding the following after subsection (1):*

(1.1) A board or, with the approval of the Minister, a person may provide an early childhood services program to

(a) a child who, at September 1, is younger than 5 years of age, if the parent of the child agrees, or

(b) a student who is 6 years of age or older at September 1, if the parent of the student and the board are of the opinion that the program will benefit the student.

(c) *in subsection (2) by striking out "subsection (1)(a)" and*

or older than 18 years of age, and

(b) who complies with subsection (1)(b),

to have access in that year to an education program in accordance with this Act.

3 Section 8(1) presently reads:

8(1) An individual who

(a) is eligible to be enrolled in a school,

(b) at September 1 in a year is 6 years of age or older, and

(c) is younger than 16 years of age,

shall attend school.

4 Section 24 presently reads in part:

24(1) A board or, with the approval of the Minister, a person may provide an early childhood services program to

(a) a child who, as of September 1, is younger than 6 years of age, if the parent of the child agrees, or

(b) a student, if the parent of the student and the board are of the opinion that the program will benefit the student.

(2) A person or board that provides early childhood services may charge the parent of a child referred to in subsection (1)(a) who is attending the program fees in respect of the program.

substituting "subsection (1.1)";

(d) in subsection (2.1) by striking out "subsection (1)(a)" and substituting "subsection (1.1)".

(2.1) If a child referred to in subsection (1)(a) attends a program under this section, the child is not, by reason of attending that program,

(a) a resident student of the board, or

(b) entitled to any of the rights or benefits given to a student under this Act.