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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1999)

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

Amends SA  
1988 cS-3.1

#### **1 The *School Act* is amended by this Act.**

#### **2 Section 24 is amended**

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

(1) In this section, "kindergarten year" means the year before a child becomes a student under section 3(1)(a).

(1.1) Subject to subsection (1.5), a board shall ensure that an early childhood services program is available to all children in their kindergarten year

(a) who meet the requirements of section 3(1)(b),  
and

(b) whose parents reside in a district or division under the jurisdiction of the board.

(1.2) An early childhood services program under subsection (1.1) may be provided by a board or a person approved by the Minister.

(1.3) A board or, with the approval of the Minister, a person may also provide an early childhood services

## Explanatory Notes

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

2 Section 24 presently reads:

*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 an early childhood services program may charge fees in respect of the program from the parent of a child referred to in subsection (1)(a) who attends the program.*

*(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.*

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- (a) a child before the child's kindergarten year 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.

**(1.4)** Subject to subsection (1.5), an early childhood services program offered under this section to a child in their kindergarten year or under subsection (1.3)(b) must be for a minimum of 400 hours per school year.

**(1.5)** Where the Minister is satisfied that it is not feasible for a board to ensure that all children in their kindergarten year have access to an early childhood services program, the Minister may authorize the board or a person to provide alternative programs.

**(b) in subsection (2) by striking out** "subsection (1)(a)" **and substituting** "subsection (1.1) or (1.3)(a)".

**(c) in subsection (2.1) by striking out** "subsection (1)(a)" **and substituting** "subsection (1.1) or (1.3)(a)".

**3 This Act comes into force on Proclamation.**

*(3) The Minister may make regulations respecting early childhood services programs.*

**3** Coming into force.