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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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**SCHOOL (FEES ELIMINATION)
AMENDMENT ACT, 2003**

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Committee of the Whole

Third Reading

Royal Assent

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(Assented to , 2003)

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

Amends RSA 2000 cS-3

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

2 Section 30 is amended

- (a) in subsection (2) by adding** “Subject to subsection (2.1),”
before “A person or board”;
- (b) by adding the following after subsection (2):**

(2.1) Section 49.1 applies, with all necessary modifications, to an early childhood services program offered to children and students for the school year immediately preceding grade 1.

3 The following is added after section 49:

Restriction on charging fees

49.1(1) No school operated by a board shall charge a student or a student's parent or otherwise raise funds for services or supplies associated with core instructional functions including

- (a) textbooks, prescribed study guides and workbooks,
- (b) materials, stationery supplies and equipment required for classroom instruction,
- (c) athletic equipment used in physical education courses, and
- (d) computers and office equipment.

(2) Nothing in subsection (1) restricts a school operated by a board from raising funds for extra-curricular activities offered by the school.

(3) A school raising funds for any purpose must annually prepare a report indicating the fund-raising activities undertaken by the school, the amount of money raised and the purposes for which the funds were raised and provide the list to

- (a) the parents of students attending the school, and
- (b) the board.

(4) If any of the purposes of the fund-raising activities undertaken by the school violate subsection (1), the board must by written notice require the school to reimburse the donors of those funds.

(5) When a school receives notification from the board under subsection (4), it must report to the board as to how it has complied with the notice within 30 days of being notified by the board.

(6) Upon request, the board will provide copies of the above reports to the Minister.

4 Section 60(2)(j) is repealed.

5 This Act comes into force on September 1, 2004.

Explanatory Notes

1 Amends chapter S-3 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

2 Section 30 reads:

30(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.

(3) 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.*

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

3 New section regarding restriction on charging fees.

4 Section 60(2) reads in part:

(2) A board may

- (j) charge a parent of a student fees with respect to instructional supplies or materials;*

5 Coming into force.