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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

BILL 218

FINANCIAL SUMMIT ACT

MR. CAO

First Reading

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

Third Reading

Royal Assent

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(Assented to , 2003)

Preamble

WHEREAS the demands for public money are increasing;

WHEREAS new approaches to the allocation of public funds should be considered; and

WHEREAS Albertans would benefit from a public forum that addresses the demands for public money in light of the Government's current financial position;

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

Interpretation

1 In this Act, "government funding" includes salaries, wages, benefits from social programs or any other type of payment that is funded, either directly or indirectly, by the Government.

Financial summit

2(1) Before September 1 in each year, the Government must hold a summit for individuals, groups, associations and other organizations that receive, or whose members receive, government funding to meet and discuss their funding demands for the forthcoming fiscal year.

- (2)** The Government must provide a briefing at the summit regarding
 - (a) the Government's financial position, and
 - (b) the current amount of government funding provided to the persons or organizations enumerated in subsection (1).
- (3)** The Government is responsible for determining
 - (a) the location and dates for the summit,
 - (b) the list of participants, and
 - (c) the facilitator of the summit.
- (4)** The summit must be open to the public.
- (5)** The Government may establish additional rules and procedures that it deems necessary for the operation of the summit.

Report

- 3(1)** Within 30 days of the conclusion of the summit, the participants must submit to the Government a report outlining their recommendations for funding for consideration by the Government in the preparation of its budget for the forthcoming fiscal year.
- (2)** When the estimates are presented in the Assembly for the fiscal year following the summit, the Government shall lay before the Assembly its response to the report submitted under subsection (1).

Coming into force

- 4** This Act comes into force on Proclamation.