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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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AGENCIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REVIEW STATUTES AMENDMENT ACT, 2017

THE PRESIDENT OF TREASURY BOARD, MINISTER OF FINANCE

First Reading

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

Third Reading

Royal Assent

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(Assented to _____, 2017)

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

Part 1 Access Advisory Council

Amends SA 2005 cA-1.5

**1 The *Access to the Future Act* is amended by repealing
sections 5 and 6.**

Explanatory Notes

Part 1 Access Advisory Council

1 Amends chapter A-1.5 of the Statutes of Alberta, 2005.
Sections 5 and 6 presently read:

5(1) The Access Advisory Council is established.

(2) The Minister may, with respect to the members of the Council,

(a) appoint or provide for the manner of their appointment,

(b) prescribe their terms of office, and

(c) authorize or provide for the payment of remuneration and expenses.

(3) The Minister shall designate one of the members as chair of the Council.

6(1) The Council may make recommendations to the Minister with respect to payments from the Fund and carry out any other functions and duties determined by the Minister.

Disestablishment of advisory council

2 The Access Advisory Council is disestablished.

**Part 2
Agricultural Practice
Review Committees**

Amends RSA 2000 cA-7

3 The *Agricultural Operation Practices Act* is amended in section 4 by adding “, if a practice review committee is appointed to consider the referral,” **after** “made and”.

**Part 3
Alberta Economic
Development Authority**

Repeals RSA 2000 cA-16

4 The *Alberta Economic Development Authority Act* is repealed.

Disestablishment of development authority

5 The Alberta Economic Development Authority is disestablished.

(2) The Council may make bylaws respecting the conduct of the business and affairs of the Council.

(3) Subject to the approval of the Minister, the Council may establish committees, which may include individuals who are not members of the Council, to assist it with its responsibilities.

(4) The Council shall report its activities to the Minister in a manner prescribed by the Minister.

2 Disestablishment of the Access Advisory Council.

Part 2
Agricultural Practice
Review Committees

3 Amends chapter A-7 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.
Section 4 presently reads:

4 The parties to a referral to the Minister under section 38.1 are the Board, the owner or operator about whom the referral is made and any other person the practice review committee considers to be directly affected.

Part 3
Alberta Economic
Development Authority

4 Repeals chapter A-16 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

5 Disestablishment of the Alberta Economic Development Authority.

Part 4
Alberta Heritage
Scholarship Committees

Amends RSA 2000 cA-24

6 The *Alberta Heritage Scholarship Act* is amended by
repealing section 4.

Amends SA 2002 cQ-0.5

7 The *Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Recognition Act* is
amended in section 4(2) by striking out “Sections 4, 5 and 7(b)”
and substituting “Sections 5 and 7(b)”.

Part 4
Alberta Heritage
Scholarship Committees

6 Amends chapter A-24 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000. Section 4 presently reads:

4(1) The Minister may establish committees for the purposes of

- (a) considering applications for scholarships and making recommendations with respect to the scholarships to be awarded, including the classes, duration, number and amounts of scholarships,*
- (b) advising the Minister on the need for scholarships and alternative scholarship programs, and*
- (c) reviewing the eligibility and qualifications of persons nominated to be recipients of particular scholarships and recommending to the Minister who should become recipients of those scholarships.*

(2) The committee members

- (a) may be paid remuneration for the performance of their duties as committee members, and*
- (b) shall be paid travelling and living expenses while away from their ordinary places of residence in the course of those duties,*

at the rates set by the Minister.

7 Amends chapter Q-0.5 of the Statutes of Alberta, 2002. Section 4(2) presently reads:

(2) Sections 4, 5 and 7(b) of the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Act apply with the necessary changes to the Queen's Golden Jubilee Scholarship for the Visual and Performing Arts and a reference to Minister in those sections is deemed to be a reference to the Minister referred to in section 3(3) of this Act.

**Part 5
Family and Community
Engagement Councils**

Repeals SA 2013 cB-7.5

8 The *Building Families and Communities Act* is repealed.

**Part 6
Students Finance Board**

Amends SA 2002 cS-20.5

9(1) The *Student Financial Assistance Act* is amended by this section.

(2) Section 1(1) is amended by repealing clauses (b) and (h).

(3) Sections 4 to 7 are repealed.

Part 5
Family and Community
Engagement Councils

8 Repeals chapter B-7.5 of the Statutes of Alberta, 2013.

Part 6
Students Finance Board

9(1) Amends chapter S-20.5 of the Statutes of Alberta, 2002.

(2) Section 1(1) presently reads in part:

1(1) In this statute,

(b) “Board” means the Students Finance Board continued by section 4(1);

(h) “member” means a member of the Board;

(3) Sections 4 to 7 presently read:

4(1) The Students Finance Board, established by the Students Finance Act, is continued.

(2) The Board is to consist of not more than 11 individuals appointed as members of it by the Minister.

(3) Unless or except to the extent that the Minister has otherwise previously notified the Board in writing, 2 (and only 2) of the members must be individuals who

(a) are students, or

(b) were students at any time within the previous 6 months,

and if circumstances change such that either individual meets neither clause (a) nor clause (b) while a member, that individual’s membership terminates, subject only to the right to continue membership under subsection (5).

(4) Only individuals who

(a) are Canadian citizens or have been lawfully admitted to Canada for permanent residence, and

(b) are residents of Alberta,

are eligible to become and to remain members.

(5) Members hold office for the term, which is not to exceed 3 years, that is set by the Minister, except that they may continue their membership after the expiry of their terms of office until they are reappointed or their successors are appointed as members, which continuing period is not to be taken into account for any of the purposes of subsection (6).

(6) A member is eligible for only one reappointment as provided for by section 20(1)(c) of the Interpretation Act before vacating office, and is not eligible for a further term of office until 3 years after the end of the term under that reappointment.

(7) Where the Minister fills a vacancy in membership by appointing an individual to fill the unexpired term of office of a vacating member, the appointment is not to be considered as a term of office for the purposes of subsection (6).

(8) Where an individual resigns from membership, the appointment as member terminates on the effective date specified in the resignation or, if no such date is specified, on the date the Minister receives the resignation.

(9) The Minister shall ensure that members who are neither officers or employees of the Government, nor members, officers or employees of any Provincial agency within the meaning of the Financial Administration Act, are paid

(a) remuneration for their services as members, including any services performed as members of committees established by the Board, and

(b) their reasonable travelling and living expenses while away from their ordinary places of residence in the course of those services,

at the rates set by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(10) The Board may make rules governing its proceedings.

Disestablishment of board

10 The Students Finance Board is disestablished.

Amends RSA 2000 cA-24

11 The *Alberta Heritage Scholarship Act* is amended by repealing section 4.1.

5 The Minister shall designate one of the members as the chair, and the members may elect from among the remaining members a vice-chair, of the Board.

6(1) The Board may continue or establish committees, which may include individuals who are not members, to assist it with its functions.

(2) The Minister shall ensure that members of the Board's committees who are neither members, nor officers or employees of the Government, nor members, officers or employees of any Provincial agency within the meaning of the Financial Administration Act, are paid

(a) remuneration for their services as committee members, and

(b) their reasonable travelling and living expenses while away from their ordinary places of residence in the course of those services,

at the rates set by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

7 The function of the Board is to advise the Minister on matters pertaining to financial assistance and the Board shall, on being requested to do so by the Minister, make inquiries or conduct research into, or collect information relating to, any matter specified by the Minister relating to financial assistance, and report the results to the Minister in the manner and at the time specified by the Minister.

10 Disestablishment of the Students Finance Board.

11 Amends chapter A-24 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000. Section 4.1 presently reads:

4.1 The Students Finance Board, continued by the Student Financial Assistance Act, shall comply with section 7 of that Act with respect to scholarships as if they were financial assistance within the meaning of that Act.

Amends RSA 2000 cC-23

12 The *Conflicts of Interest Act* is amended in Part 3 of the Schedule by striking out “Students Finance Board”.

12 Amends chapter C-23 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000. Removes “Students Finance Board” from the list in Part 3 of the Schedule.

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