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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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STRATEGIES FOR UNEMPLOYED AND UNDEREMPLOYED ALBERTANS ACT

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Committee of the Whole

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Royal Assent

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(Assented to _____, 2018)

WHEREAS society benefits when individuals are able to achieve their goals and make meaningful contributions to their communities and families through gainful employment using their skills and abilities, regardless of background, age or other status;

WHEREAS unemployment rates in Alberta are unacceptably high, and many communities and demographics have experienced rates exceeding 8%; and

WHEREAS employers, recruitment agencies, post-secondary institutions, economists, social service agencies, organized labour groups and others who make up the employment market have the knowledge and ability to advise Government on effective re-employment strategies and programs;

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

Definitions

1 In this Act,

- (a) “Council” means the Employment Advisory Council established under section 3;
- (b) “Minister” means, except for the purposes of section 6(1), any of the Ministers designated as having responsibility for this Act under section 2.

Designation of responsibility

2 The responsibility for this Act is the common responsibility of the following Ministers:

- (a) the Minister of Labour;
- (b) the Minister of Advanced Education;
- (c) the Minister of Economic Development and Trade.

Establishment

3 The Employment Advisory Council is established.

Mandate

4 The mandate of the Council is to advise and make recommendations to the Minister on measures to reduce unemployment and underemployment in Alberta, including recommendations pertaining to ways in which employers, educators and others may work together to create training and job opportunities for Albertans.

Council members

5(1) The Council is to consist of not fewer than 8 and not more than 12 members who are residents of Alberta appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(2) Members of the Council shall be appointed within 2 months of the coming into force of this Act.

(3) The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall designate one of the Council members as Chair and another as Vice-chair.

(4) The members of the Council must include the following:

- (a) one or more individuals who at the time of their appointment is experiencing unemployment or underemployment;
- (b) individuals from or representing the following groups or organizations:
 - (i) employers;
 - (ii) recruitment or employment agencies;

- (iii) post-secondary institutions;
- (iv) social service agencies;
- (v) organized labour groups;
- (vi) mental health providers;

(c) one or more individuals with expertise in economics.

(5) No member of the Council shall at the time of the member's appointment be a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

(6) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may prescribe the term of office of any member of the Council.

(7) The Council may make rules governing the calling of and conduct of meetings of the Council, the quorum required at its meetings and any other matters pertaining to its business and affairs.

(8) The Minister may provide to the Council at no cost to it any supplies and the services of employees of the Government under the Minister's administration to carry out any work that in the opinion of the Minister may reasonably be required by the Council to enable it to perform its functions under this Act.

Report on employment

6(1) Within 12 months of the date on which all members of the Council are appointed, the Council shall prepare and submit to the Ministers designated under section 2 as having responsibility for this Act a report containing its recommendations for reducing unemployment rates in Alberta and creating training and job opportunities for Albertans who are unemployed or underemployed.

(2) On receiving a report under subsection (1), the Minister shall lay a copy of the report before the Legislative Assembly if it is then sitting or, if it is not then sitting, within 15 days after the commencement of the next sitting.

Remuneration and expenses

7 The Lieutenant Governor in Council

- (a) may prescribe the rates of remuneration payable to members of the Council other than those who are employees of the Government, and

- (b) may authorize the payment of travelling and living expenses for members of the Council while outside their normal place of residence in the course of performing their duties.

Expiry

8 This Act is repealed 2 years after the date on which it comes into force.

Record of Debate

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