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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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EDUCATION (PRIORITIZING LITERACY AND
NUMERACY) AMENDMENT ACT, 2025 (NO. 2)

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE

First Reading

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

Third Reading

Royal Assent

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(Assented to , 2025)

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

Amends SA 2012 cE-0.3

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

**2 Section 18(4) is amended by striking out “The Minister may”
and substituting “Subject to Division 4 of this Part and the
regulations, the Minister may”.**

**3 Section 21 is amended by adding the following after
subsection (5):**

(5.01) Division 4 of this Part applies in respect of an early
childhood services program.

(5.02) For the purposes of Division 4 of this Part, a reference to a
board includes a reference to a person who provides an early
childhood services program.

**4 Section 30 is amended by adding the following after
subsection (1):**

(1.01) Division 4 of this Part applies to an accredited
independent school, and a board referred to in Division 4 of this

Explanatory Notes

1 Amends chapter E-0.3 of the Statutes of Alberta, 2012.

2 Section 18(4) presently reads:

(4) The Minister may issue directives respecting the assessment of persons by the Minister.

3 Adds application of division to early childhood services program.

4 Adds application of division to accredited independent schools and persons responsible for their operation.

Part includes a person responsible for the operation of an accredited independent school.

5 The following is added after Part 2, Division 3:

**Division 4
Literacy and Numeracy
Screening Assessments**

Definitions

30.1 In this Division,

- (a) “kindergarten” means kindergarten as defined in the regulations made under section 21;
- (b) “literacy and numeracy screening assessments” means assessments, provincial assessments or other methods of evaluation or screening for determining the development, ability or knowledge in literacy or numeracy, or both, of children and students in kindergarten to grade 3.

Minister may establish literacy and numeracy screening assessments

30.2(1) For the purposes of this Division, the Minister may establish literacy and numeracy screening assessments.

(2) The Minister may make regulations for the purpose of subsection (1).

Boards to ensure literacy and numeracy screening assessments are conducted

30.3(1) Subject to subsection (2), a board must ensure that literacy and numeracy screening assessments established by the Minister under section 30.2 are conducted in accordance with this Division.

(2) A board may exempt a child or student from literacy and numeracy screening assessments.

(3) For the purpose of subsection (2), a board may collect personal information about a child or student to determine if the child or student is eligible for an exemption under this Division.

5 Division 4 Literacy and Numeracy Screening Assessments.

(4) The Minister may make regulations for the purposes of this section.

Reporting to parents

30.4(1) After a literacy and numeracy screening assessment of a child or student is conducted under section 30.3(1), a board must ensure that results of the literacy and numeracy screening assessment are reported to the parent of the child or student.

(2) The Minister may make regulations for the purpose of subsection (1).

Reporting to Minister

30.5(1) After a literacy and numeracy screening assessment of a child or student is conducted under section 30.3(1), a board must ensure that results of the literacy and numeracy screening assessment, including individualized child and student results of the literacy and numeracy screening assessment, are reported to the Minister in the form and manner required by the Minister.

(2) The Minister shall publish on the Government of Alberta website, or in another manner the Minister considers appropriate, an annual report of the results of the literacy and numeracy screening assessments reported under subsection (1).

Minister may request information

30.6 The Minister may request information, including personal information, in addition to the individualized child and student results provided under section 30.5(1), from boards for the purpose of overseeing the administration and operation of literacy and numeracy screening assessments under this Division, and on request the boards must provide the Minister the requested information.

Regulations

30.7 The Minister may make regulations for the purposes of this Division respecting

- (a) the establishment and conduct of literacy and numeracy screening assessments, including the timing and frequency of literacy and numeracy screening assessments;

- (b) exemption from literacy and numeracy screening assessments, including the circumstances and duration of and conditions for the exemption;
- (c) the reporting of the results of a literacy and numeracy screening assessment to a parent under section 30.4(1), including the form and manner of reporting;
- (d) any other matter that the Minister considers necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this Division.

6 This Act comes into force on Proclamation.

6 Coming into force.

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