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**EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE
(SECURING PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT)
STATUTES AMENDMENT ACT, 2026**

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(Assented to , 2026)

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

Early Learning and Child Care Act

Amends SA 2007 cE-0.1

1(1) The *Early Learning and Child Care Act* is amended by this
section.

NOTE: 1(1) Amends chapter E-0.1 of the Statutes of
Alberta, 2007.

(2) Section 1 is amended

(a) by renumbering it as section 1(1);

(b) in subsection (1)

(i) by adding the following after clause (d):

(d.1) “critical incident” means

(i) the death of a child while attending a child care
program,

- (ii) a child going missing while attending a child care program,
- (iii) the physical, sexual or emotional abuse or neglect of a child while attending a child care program, or an allegation of such abuse or neglect,
- (iv) an injury to a child while attending a child care program that results in the child receiving emergency medical attention or being admitted to a hospital or medical clinic,
- (v) police involvement that relates to
 - (A) a child while attending a child care program, or
 - (B) the operation of the child care program,
 and
- (vi) an unplanned disruption of the normal operations of a child care program that poses a risk to the health, safety or well-being of children attending the child care program;

(ii) by adding the following after clause (f.3):

(f.31) “incident” means

- (i) a serious illness of or injury to a child that occurs while the child is attending a child care program, and
- (ii) any other occurrence while a child is attending a child care program that may seriously affect the health or safety of a child;

(iii) by adding the following after clause (g):

(g.1) “personal information” means personal information as defined in the *Protection of Privacy Act*;

(c) by adding the following after subsection (1):

(2) When an occurrence or event meets the definitions of both critical incident and incident, the occurrence or event is a critical incident for the purposes of this Act.

NOTE: (2) Adds definitions and interpretation rule.

(3) Section 4 is amended by adding the following after subsection (4):

(4.1) The statutory director may, in the statutory director's discretion, decline to consider an application for the issuance of a facility-based licence.

NOTE: (3) Adds authority to decline an application.

(4) Section 5(1)(b)(i) is repealed and the following is substituted:

- (i) is not satisfied that the applicant
 - (A) is capable of providing a facility-based program in accordance with this Act or the regulations,
 - (B) possesses the prescribed qualifications, experience or competence to operate a facility-based program, or
 - (C) has complied with prescribed disclosure requirements respecting prior enforcement actions or other prescribed matters,
- (i.1) is satisfied that the applicant, or, if the applicant is a corporation, a director, officer or controlling individual of the corporation, has a history of financial mismanagement, insolvency, receivership, unpaid statutory obligations, outstanding debts to the Crown or other conduct that may reasonably impair the viability, stability or responsible operation of the proposed facility-based program,
- (i.2) is not satisfied that the proposed facility-based program is consistent with service area demand given existing licensed

capacity and other locations providing facility-based programs,

NOTE: (4) Section 5(1)(b)(i) presently reads:

5(1) On considering an application under section 4, the statutory director may

(b) refuse to issue or to renew a licence to provide a facility-based program if the statutory director

(i) is not satisfied that the applicant is capable of providing a facility-based program in accordance with this Act or the regulations,

(5) The following is added after section 8:

Safety plans and other measures

8.1(1) The statutory director may require the holder of a facility-based licence to develop, in accordance with the regulations, if any, a safety plan or other measure specified by the statutory director if the statutory director considers it necessary for the health, safety or well-being of children.

(2) A licence holder must submit the safety plan or other measure to the statutory director within the time specified by the statutory director.

(3) On review of a safety plan or other measure, the statutory director may

- (a) approve the safety plan or other measure, or
- (b) require the licence holder to revise the safety plan or other measure and submit the revised safety plan or other measure to the statutory director under subsection (2).

(4) After a safety plan or other measure is approved by the statutory director, the licence holder must implement the safety plan or other measure.

NOTE: (5) Safety plans and other measures.

(6) Section 9 is repealed and the following is substituted:

Duty to post information and inform parents or guardians

9(1) A holder of a facility-based licence must post, in a clearly visible and prominent place on the premises where the licensed facility-based program is being provided,

- (a) the licence,
- (b) any conditions imposed on the licence under section 5(1) or 13,
- (c) any safety plan or other measure approved by the statutory director under section 8.1(3)(a),
- (d) any report provided by the statutory director under section 10(3),
- (e) any provisions of the licence that are varied under section 12,
- (f) any order issued under section 14.1 while the order is in effect,
- (g) any probationary licence issued under section 15,
- (h) any notice of administrative penalty issued under section 26.1 to the licence holder, and
- (i) any inspection or monitoring documents or other notice required by the statutory director.

(2) A holder of a facility-based licence must inform the parents or guardians of all children in the facility-based program of any posting under subsection (1)(b), (c), (e), (f), (g) or (h) and, if required by the statutory director, any posting under subsection (1)(d) or (i).

NOTE: (6) Section 9 presently reads:

9(1) A holder of a facility-based licence must post, in a clearly visible and prominent place on the premises where the licensed facility-based program is being provided,

- (a) the licence,*

(b) any report provided by the statutory director under section 10(3),

(c) any conditions imposed on the licence under section 5(1) or 13,

(d) any provisions of the licence that are varied under section 12,

(d.1) any order issued under section 14.1 while the order is in effect, and

(e) any probationary licence issued under section 15,

and must inform the parents or guardians of all children in the program of any posting under clause (d), (d.1) or (e).

(2) Subsection (1) applies in respect of any notice of administrative penalty issued to a licence holder under section 26.1.

(7) The following is added after section 9:

Duty to report incidents and critical incidents

9.1(1) A holder of a facility-based licence must report to the statutory director, in the manner required by the statutory director,

- (a) any incident as soon as reasonably possible after the licence holder becomes aware of the incident, and
- (b) any critical incident immediately after the licence holder becomes aware of the critical incident.

(2) A holder of a facility-based licence must inform parents or guardians of children directly affected by an incident or critical incident as soon as reasonably possible after the licence holder becomes aware of the incident or critical incident.

NOTE: (7) Duty to report incidents and critical incidents.

(8) Section 10(1) is amended by striking out “and” at the end of clause (a) and by adding the following after clause (a):

- (a.1) inspect or monitor by electronic means, in accordance with the regulations, if any, any premises where a licensed facility-based program is being offered or provided,
- (a.2) monitor compliance with a safety plan or other measure approved by the statutory director under section 8.1(3)(a), and

NOTE: (8) Adds permission for electronic monitoring of premises and monitoring of compliance by the statutory director for licensed facility-based programs.

(9) Section 18 is amended

(a) by adding the following after subsection (1):

(1.1) A notice referred to in subsection (1), including a notice with respect to an action taken under sections 12 to 15 or a cancellation under section 16 before this subsection comes into force, may be posted on the website of the department administered by the Minister or another Government of Alberta website.

(b) by adding the following after subsection (2):

(3) The statutory director may, in the statutory director’s discretion but in accordance with subsection (4) and the regulations, if any, post any of the following:

- (a) a safety plan or other measure approved by the statutory director under section 8.1(3)(a);
- (b) a report provided by the statutory director under section 10(3);
- (c) information respecting incidents and critical incidents;
- (d) any other notice the statutory director considers appropriate, including

- (i) inspection and monitoring documents provided to the licence holder, and
 - (ii) other information relating to the health, safety or well-being of children or matters relating to the administration or enforcement of this Act, the regulations, any standards or certification requirements made under this Act and any conditions imposed on a licence.
- (4) The documents and information described in subsection (3) may be posted
- (a) on the website of the department administered by the Minister or another Government of Alberta website,
 - (b) in a clearly visible and prominent place on the premises where the licensed facility-based program is provided, and
 - (c) in any other place or manner the statutory director considers appropriate.

NOTE: (9) Adds permission for discretionary posting of documents and information by the statutory director.

(10) The following is added after section 18:

Authority to notify

18.01 The statutory director may notify, including by electronic means or telephone, parents or guardians of children attending a facility-based program if the statutory director considers it necessary or if the holder of the facility-based licence has failed, refused or is unable to provide information, including notice about any of the following:

- (a) incidents or critical incidents;
- (b) matters relating to the health, safety or well-being of children attending the facility-based program;
- (c) notices described in section 18(1) relating to the facility-based program;

- (d) matters relating to the administration and enforcement of this Act, the regulations, any standards or certification requirements made under this Act and any conditions imposed on a licence.

NOTE: (10) Authority to notify.

(11) Section 18.2 is amended by adding the following after subsection (2.2):

(2.3) The statutory director may, in the statutory director's discretion, decline to consider an application for the issuance of a family day home agency licence.

NOTE: (11) Adds authority to decline application.

(12) Section 18.3(1)(b)(i) is repealed and the following is substituted:

- (i) is not satisfied that the applicant
 - (A) is capable of providing appropriate oversight of family day home programs,
 - (B) possesses the prescribed qualifications, experience or competence to provide oversight of family day home programs, or
 - (C) has complied with prescribed disclosure requirements respecting prior enforcement actions or other prescribed matters,
- (i.1) is satisfied that the applicant, or, if the applicant is a corporation, a director, officer or controlling individual of the corporation, has a history of financial mismanagement, insolvency, receivership, unpaid statutory obligations, outstanding debts to the Crown or other conduct that may reasonably impair the viability, stability or responsible operation of the proposed family day home agency or the appropriate oversight of family day home programs,

- (i.2) is not satisfied that the oversight of family day home programs is consistent with service area demand given existing oversight capacity and other locations providing family day home programs,

NOTE: (12) Section 18.3(1)(b)(i) presently reads:

18.3(1) On considering an application under section 18.2, the statutory director may

(b) refuse to issue or to renew a family day home agency licence if the statutory director

(i) is not satisfied that the applicant is capable of providing appropriate oversight of family day home programs,

(13) The following is added after section 18.7:

Safety plans and other measures

18.71(1) The statutory director may require a licensed family day home agency to develop, in accordance with the regulations, if any, a safety plan or other measure specified by the statutory director for implementation by a family day home program that it oversees, if the statutory director considers it necessary for the health, safety or well-being of children attending the family day home program.

(2) A licensed family day home agency must submit the safety plan or other measure to the statutory director within the time specified by the statutory director.

(3) On review of a safety plan or other measure, the statutory director may

- (a) approve the safety plan or other measure, or
- (b) require the licensed family day home agency to revise the safety plan or other measure and submit the revised safety plan or other measure to the statutory director under subsection (2).

(4) After a safety plan or other measure is approved by the statutory director, the licensed family day home agency must

- (a) implement the safety plan or other measure,
- (b) ensure the safety plan or other measure is followed by the family day home program to which it applies,
- (c) monitor compliance with the safety plan or other measure, and
- (d) report to the statutory director as required by the statutory director
 - (i) the results of compliance and monitoring, and
 - (ii) any non-compliance with the safety plan or other measure.

NOTE: (13) Safety plans and other measures.

(14) Section 18.9(c) is amended by striking out “holder of a family day home agency licence” **and substituting** “licensed family day home agency”.

NOTE: (14) Section 18.9(c) presently reads:

18.9 The statutory director may

- (c) in writing, order a holder of a family day home agency licence to take measures specified in the order within the time limits specified in the order to remedy any non-compliance with this Act, the regulations or the conditions of the licence.*

(15) Section 18.921 is repealed and the following is substituted:

Duty to post information

18.921(1) A licensed family day home agency must post, in a clearly visible and prominent place in the principal place of business of the licensed family day home agency,

- (a) the licence,
- (b) any conditions imposed on the licence under section 18.3(1)(a) or 18.9(b),
- (c) any safety plan or other measure approved by the statutory director under section 18.71(3)(a),
- (d) any provisions of the licence that are varied under section 18.9(a),
- (e) any order made under section 18.9(c) while the order is in effect,
- (f) any probationary licence issued under section 18.901,
- (g) any cancellation of the licence under section 18.91,
- (h) any report provided by the statutory director under section 18.923(3),
- (i) any notice of administrative penalty issued under section 26.1 to the licensed family day home agency or to an individual who offers or provides a family day home program that it oversees, and
- (j) any inspection or monitoring documents or other notice required by the statutory director.

(2) A licensed family day home agency must provide to a family day home program that it oversees any documents or information described in subsection (1)(c), (f), (g) and (i) that apply to the family day home program and, if required by the statutory director, any documents or information described in subsection (1)(h) and (j) that apply to the family day home program.

(3) A licensed family day home agency must ensure that the documents or information provided to a family day home program under subsection (2) are posted in a clearly visible and

prominent place at the premises where the family day home program is offered or provided.

NOTE: (15) Section 18.921 presently reads:

18.921(1) A holder of a family day home agency licence must post, in a clearly visible and prominent place in the principal place of business of the licence holder,

- (a) the licence,*
- (b) any report provided by the statutory director under section 18.923(3),*
- (c) any conditions imposed on the licence under section 18.3(1)(a) or 18.9(b),*
- (d) any provisions of the licence that are varied under section 18.9(a),*
- (e) any probationary licence issued under section 18.901, and*
- (f) the cancellation of the licence under section 18.91.*

(2) Subsection (1) applies in respect of any notice of administrative penalty issued to a licence holder under section 26.1.

(16) Section 18.922 is amended

- (a) in subsection (1) by striking out “holder of a family day home agency licence” and substituting “licensed family day home agency”;**
- (b) in subsection (2)**
 - (i) by striking out “holder of a family day home agency licence” and substituting “licensed family day home agency”;**
 - (ii) in clause (a) by striking out “and” at the end of subclause (iii), by adding “and” at the end of**

subclause (iv) and by adding the following after subclause (iv):

- (v) any notice of administrative penalty issued under section 26.1 to the licensed family day home agency,

(iii) in clause (b) by striking out “clause (a)(ii) to (iv)” and substituting “clause (a)(i) to (v)”;

(c) by adding the following after subsection (2):

(2.1) A licensed family day home agency must, within the time and manner specified by the statutory director, provide a safety plan or other measure approved by the statutory director under section 18.71(3)(a), any report provided by the statutory director under section 18.923(3) and any other inspection or monitoring documents or other notice received from the statutory director to parents or guardians of each child receiving child care in a family day home program that it oversees to which the safety plan, other measure, report, documents or notice applies.

(2.2) A licensed family day home agency must inform the parents or guardians of each child receiving child care in a family day home program that the licensed family day home agency oversees of

- (a) any notice of administrative penalty issued under section 26.1 to the individual who offers or provides the family day home program or to an individual providing child care at the family day home program, or
- (b) any notice of administrative penalty issued under section 26.1 to an individual referred to in clause (a) within the preceding 5 years, including where the individual received the administrative penalty while offering or providing a family day home program under another family day home agency.

(d) by repealing subsection (3).

NOTE: (16) Section 18.922 presently reads in part:

18.922(1) A holder of a family day home agency licence must provide a copy of the licence to each family day home

program being overseen by the licensed family day home agency.

(2) A holder of a family day home agency licence must, in accordance with the regulations,

(a) inform every family day home program being overseen by the licensed family day home agency of

(iii) any probationary licence issued under section 18.901, and

(iv) the cancellation of the licence under section 18.91,

and

(b) inform the parents or guardians of each child receiving child care in a family day home program being overseen by the family day home agency of any action referred to in clause (a)(ii) to (iv).

(3) Subsection (2) applies in respect of any notice of administrative penalty issued to a licence holder under section 26.1.

(17) The following is added after section 18.922:

Duty to report incidents and critical incidents

18.9221(1) A licensed family day home agency must report to the statutory director, in the manner required by the statutory director,

- (a) any incident as soon as reasonably possible after the licensed family day home agency becomes aware of the incident, and
- (b) any critical incident immediately after the licensed family day home agency becomes aware of the critical incident.

(2) A licensed family day home agency must inform parents or guardians of children directly affected by an incident or critical incident as soon as reasonably possible after the licensed family

day home agency becomes aware of the incident or critical incident.

Posting of notice

18.9222(1) The statutory director

- (a) may post a notice of an action taken under sections 18.9 and 18.901, and
- (b) must post a notice of a cancellation under section 18.91.

(2) A notice referred to in subsection (1) must be posted in a clearly visible and prominent place at the principal place of business of the licensed family day home agency.

(3) A notice referred to in subsection (1), including a notice with respect to an action taken under section 18.9 or 18.901 or a cancellation under section 18.91 before this section comes into force, may be posted on the website of the department administered by the Minister or another Government of Alberta website.

(4) A notice posted under subsection (1)(b) must indicate when the cancellation takes effect.

(5) The statutory director may, in the statutory director's discretion but in accordance with subsection (6) and the regulations, if any, post any of the following:

- (a) a safety plan or other measure approved by the statutory director under section 18.71(3)(a);
- (b) a report provided by the statutory director under section 18.923(3);
- (c) information respecting incidents and critical incidents;
- (d) any other notice the statutory director considers appropriate, including
 - (i) inspection and monitoring documents provided to the licensed family day home agency, and
 - (ii) other information relating to the health, safety or well-being of children or matters relating to the

administration or enforcement of this Act, the regulations, any standards or certification requirements made under this Act and any conditions imposed on a licence.

(6) The documents or information described in subsection (5) may be posted

- (a) on the website of the department administered by the Minister or another Government of Alberta website,
- (b) in a clearly visible and prominent place on the premises where the family day home program is offered or provided,
- (c) at the principal place of business of the licensed family day home agency, and
- (d) in any other place or manner the statutory director considers appropriate.

Authority to notify

18.9223(1) The statutory director may notify, including by electronic means or telephone, parents or guardians of children receiving child care in a family day home program, if the statutory director considers it necessary or if a licensed family day home agency has failed, refused or is unable to provide information, including notice about any of the following:

- (a) incidents or critical incidents;
- (b) matters relating to the health, safety or well-being of children attending the family day home program;
- (c) notices described in section 18.9222(1) relating to the family day home agency that oversees the family day home program;
- (d) matters relating to the administration and enforcement of this Act, the regulations, any standards or certification requirements made under this Act and any conditions imposed on a licence.

(2) The statutory director may notify, including by electronic means or telephone, an individual who offers or provides a family

day home program, about notices described in section 18.9222(1) relating to the family day home agency that oversees the family day home program, if the statutory director considers it necessary or if the family day home agency has failed, refused or is unable to provide the notice.

NOTE: (17) Duty to report incidents and critical incidents; posting of notice; authority to notify.

(18) Section 18.923(1) is amended by striking out “and” at the end of clause (a) and by adding the following after clause (a):

- (a.1) inspect or monitor by electronic means, in accordance with the regulations, if any,
 - (i) any premises where a family day home program is being offered or provided, or
 - (ii) the principal place of business of the licensed family day home agency,
- (a.2) monitor compliance with a safety plan or other measure approved by the statutory director under section 18.71(3)(a), and

NOTE: (18) Adds permission for electronic monitoring of premises and monitoring of compliance by the statutory director for family day home programs.

(19) Section 18.94(1) is repealed and the following is substituted:

Administrative reviews

18.94(1) Subject to subsection (1.1), a licence holder who is subject to a decision of the statutory director respecting the licence may, without having requested to enter into an alternative dispute resolution under section 18.95 or after completion of the alternative dispute resolution, request that the statutory director review the decision,

- (a) if the licence holder did not enter into alternative dispute resolution, within 30 days of the decision, or
- (b) if the licence holder entered into alternative dispute resolution, within 30 days of receiving the decision under section 18.95(4.1).

(1.1) A review under this section and an alternative dispute resolution under section 18.95 shall not be conducted concurrently, and a licence holder shall not make a request under both of those sections at the same time.

NOTE: (19) Section 18.94(1) presently reads:

18.94(1) A licence holder who is subject to a decision of the statutory director respecting the licence may request, within 30 days of the decision, that the statutory director review the decision.

(20) Section 18.95 is amended

- (a) **by repealing subsection (1) and substituting the following:**

Alternative dispute resolution

18.95(1) Subject to section 18.94(1.1) and the regulations, a licence holder who is subject to a decision of the statutory director respecting the licence may, without having requested a review under section 18.94 or after the completion of the review, request to enter into alternative dispute resolution with the statutory director in respect of the decision,

- (a) if the licence holder did not request a review under section 18.94(1), within 30 days of the decision, or
- (b) if the licence holder requested a review under section 18.94(1), within 30 days of receiving the decision under section 18.94(4)(b) or (5).

- (b) **by adding the following after subsection (4):**

(4.1) On completion of the alternative dispute resolution, the person who conducts the alternative dispute resolution

- (a) may confirm, vary or rescind the initial decision, and
- (b) must, within 15 days of completing the alternative dispute resolution, provide the licence holder and the statutory director with a copy of the decision that includes the reasons.

NOTE: (20) Section 18.95 presently reads in part:

18.95(1) Subject to the regulations, a licence holder may, without having requested a review under section 18.94 or after the completion of the review if the licence holder requested a review, request to enter into alternative dispute resolution with the statutory director in respect of any decision made by the statutory director respecting the licence.

(21) The following is added after section 21:

New decision

21.1 Where a person receives a decision under section 18.94(4) or 18.95(4.1) or is deemed to have received a decision under section 18.94(5) and pursues another remedy under this Part, that decision constitutes a new decision for the purposes of calculating a time limit in section 18.94(1), 18.95(1) or 21(3).

NOTE: (21) New decision.

(22) Section 24.1 is amended by adding the following after subsection (2):

- (3) An individual may apply to the statutory director for a child care certification in a form and manner satisfactory to the statutory director.
- (4) The statutory director may, in accordance with any applicable standards set under subsection (1) or the regulations,
 - (a) provide or refuse to provide an individual with a level of child care certification,

- (b) impose terms and conditions on a child care certification,
 - (c) apply expiry dates and renewal requirements to child care certifications,
 - (d) vary the terms and conditions of a child care certification, and
 - (e) suspend or cancel a child care certification.
- (5) A regulation made under section 27 supersedes any standards set under this section to the extent of any conflict.
- (6) The statutory director may publish information, including personal information, about child care certifications in accordance with the regulations.

NOTE: (22) Adds expiry and renewal authority re child care certification.

(23) The following is added after section 24.1:

Collection, use and disclosure of personal information

24.2(1) The statutory director may collect, use and disclose personal information, including personal information contained in child care registration, licensing and certification records, when necessary for the following purposes:

- (a) administration and enforcement of this Act, the regulations, any standards or certification requirements made under this Act and any conditions imposed on a licence;
 - (b) protection of the health, safety, well-being or development of children;
 - (c) inspection, monitoring and notifications in respect of incidents and critical incidents.
- (2) The statutory director may require licence holders to provide information, including personal information about children

attending a child care program and contact information for their parents or guardians, for a purpose set out in subsection (1).

Electronic means

24.3(1) Unless the regulations provide otherwise, a notice that is required or authorized to be provided by the statutory director under this Act, the regulations or any standards made under this Act to any person, may be provided by electronic means, including

- (a) by email to the latest email address of the person provided to the statutory director for that purpose,
- (b) by notifying the person in an application or on a website administered by the Government of Alberta for the purpose of this Act, or
- (c) in accordance with the regulations, if any.

(2) A notice provided in accordance with subsection (1) is deemed to be received by the person on the date the notice is sent or the notification is entered into the applicable system.

Immunity

24.4 No action lies and no proceeding may be brought against the statutory director or any other employee of the Crown for any act done or omitted to be done in good faith in the exercise or intended exercise of a power or duty under this Act or the regulations, or for any neglect or default in the exercise or performance in good faith of the power or duty.

NOTE: (23) Collection, use and disclosure of personal information; electronic means; immunity.

(24) Section 26.1(9) is repealed and the following is substituted:

(9) The statutory director may publicly post information about a notice of administrative penalty that has been issued, including the amount of the penalty,

- (a) on the website of the department administered by the Minister or another Government of Alberta website, or
- (b) in any other manner the statutory director considers appropriate.

NOTE: (24) Section 26.1(9) presently reads:

(9) The statutory director may publicly post information about a notice of administrative penalty that has been issued, including the amount of the penalty, in the manner the statutory director considers appropriate.

(25) Section 27(1) is amended

(a) by adding the following after clause (a):

- (a.1) defining any word or expression used but not defined in this Act;

(b) by repealing clause (d.01) and substituting the following:

- (d.01) respecting the refusal to issue or renew a licence for the purposes of sections 5(1)(b) and 18.3(1)(b), including
 - (i) prescribing qualifications, experience and competence,
 - (ii) prescribing disclosure requirements and other matters, and
 - (iii) prescribing the additional grounds for which the statutory director may refuse to issue or to renew a licence;
- (d.011) respecting safety plans and other measures;
- (d.012) respecting the inspecting or monitoring by electronic means of a facility-based program, a family day home program or a licensed family day home agency under sections 10(1)(a.1) and 18.923(1)(a.1);

(c) by adding the following after clause (d.02):

(d.021) respecting the posting of documents and information under sections 18(3) and 18.9222(5);

(d) by adding the following after clause (g.1):

(g.2) respecting child care certifications under section 24.1, including regulations respecting any matter described in that section;

(g.3) respecting the use of electronic means for the purposes of section 24.3, including establishing electronic means for the purposes of section 24.3(1)(c);

NOTE: (25) Section 27(1) presently reads in part:

27(1) The Minister may make regulations

(d.01) prescribing the additional grounds for which the statutory director may refuse to issue or to renew a licence for the purposes of section 5(1)(b)(v) or 18.3(1)(b)(v);

(26) This section comes into force on Proclamation.

NOTE: (26) Coming into force.

Education Act

Amends SA 2012 cE-0.3

2(1) The *Education Act* is amended by this section.

NOTE: 2(1) Amends chapter E-0.3 of the Statutes of Alberta, 2012.

(2) Section 1(1) is amended by adding the following after clause (v.1):

- (v.2) “report card” means a written periodic summary report of a child’s or student’s progress and achievement issued by a board for the purposes of
- (i) providing assurances to students and parents regarding student achievement of learning outcomes, or
 - (ii) meeting any requirements respecting the evaluation of children enrolled in an early childhood services program;

NOTE: (2) Adds definition.

(3) Section 18(2) is amended by adding the following after clause (b):

- (c) establish standards applicable to the issuance of report cards.

NOTE: (3) Adds ministerial power to standardize issuance of report cards.

(4) Section 18.01(4)(a) is repealed and the following is substituted:

- (a) infringe or deny the rights of citizens of Canada under section 23 of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* to have their children receive primary and secondary school instruction in French, or

NOTE: (4) Section 18.01(4)(a) presently reads:

(4) Neither this section nor the regulations made under this section, if any, shall be construed so as to

- (a) infringe or deny the right citizens of Canada have under section 23 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms to have their children receive primary and secondary school instruction in the*

*language of the English or French linguistic
minority population of a province, or*

(5) Section 27(1) is amended

- (a) in clause (c) by adding “18(2)(c),” before “19”;**
- (b) in clause (d) by striking out “33(1)(k)” and substituting “33(1)(b.01) and (k)”.**

NOTE: (5) Section 27(1)(c) and (d) presently read:

27(1) The following provisions and any regulations made under them apply to a charter school and its operation, and a reference in those provisions or those regulations to a board or a trustee is deemed to include a reference to the operator of a charter school or a member of the governing body of the operator of a charter school, as the case may be:

(c) Part 2 except sections 19, 20, 23, 28.1, 29 and 30;

(d) Part 3 except sections 33(1)(k) and 34;

(6) Section 30 is amended

- (a) in subsection (1)(c) by adding “except subsection (2)(c),” after “18,”;**
- (b) in subsection (1.1) by adding “60.1,” before “61”.**

NOTE: (6) Section 30 presently reads in part:

30(1) The following provisions and any regulations made under them apply to a registered or accredited independent school and its operation, and a reference in those provisions or those regulations to a board or a trustee is deemed to include a reference to the person responsible for the operation of an independent school or a member of the governing body of the operator of an independent school, as the case may be:

(c) in Part 2, sections 16, 17, 18, 18.1, 28.1, 29 and 30;

(1.1) Sections 18.01, 33(1)(a.1) to (a.3), (b.1), (d), (d.1) and (k.1), (1.2) to (3), 61 and 61.1 and any regulations made under them apply to an accredited independent school, and a board referred to in those sections or regulations is deemed to include a person responsible for the operation of an accredited independent school.

(7) Section 33(1) is amended by adding the following after clause (b):

- (b.01) ensure that any report card issued in respect of a child or student meets the standards for the issuance of report cards established by the Minister by order under section 18(2)(c),

NOTE: (7) Adds board responsibility to ensure standardized issuance of report cards.

(8) The following is added after section 41:

Unresolved disputes or concerns

41.1(1) A board shall develop and implement a process, in accordance with subsection (2), to receive and manage inquiries from parents respecting disputes or concerns that have not been resolved at the school level under section 41.

(2) The Minister may, by order, establish structures, functions and service standards applicable to boards in developing and implementing a process under subsection (1).

(3) The *Regulations Act* does not apply to an order made under subsection (2).

NOTE: (8) Unresolved disputes or concerns.

(9) The following is added after section 60:

Non-instructional operational days

60.1(1) In this section, “non-instructional operational day” means a day or portion of a day in a school year when schools are in operation but students are not in attendance and no instruction is offered, and includes but is not limited to, a professional development day or preparation day before the start or after the end of the school year.

(2) A board must ensure that information related to non-instructional operational days is publicly available within 60 days of the completion of each non-instructional operational day in a form and manner set out by the Minister by order, including what information must be publicly disclosed.

(3) The *Regulations Act* does not apply to an order made under subsection (2).

NOTE: (9) Non-instructional operational days.

(10) Section 187.1(6) is repealed and the following is substituted:

(6) Neither this section nor the regulations made under this section, if any, shall be construed so as to infringe or deny the rights of citizens of Canada under section 23 of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* to have their children receive primary and secondary school instruction in French.

NOTE: (10) Section 187.1(6) presently reads:

(6) Neither this section nor the regulations made under this section, if any, shall be construed so as to infringe or deny the right citizens of Canada have under section 23 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms to have their children receive primary and secondary school instruction in the language of the English or French linguistic minority population of a province.

(11) Section 187.2(9) is repealed and the following is substituted:

(9) Neither this section nor the regulations made under this section, if any, shall be construed so as to infringe or deny the rights of citizens of Canada under section 23 of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* to have their children receive primary and secondary school instruction in French.

NOTE: (11) Section 187.2(9) presently reads:

(9) Neither this section nor the regulations made under this section, if any, shall be construed so as to infringe or deny the right citizens of Canada have under section 23 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms to have their children receive primary and secondary school instruction in the language of the English or French linguistic minority population of a province.

(12) Section 225.99995(a) is repealed.

NOTE: (12) Section 225.99995(a) presently reads:

225.99995 The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations

(a) establishing a code of professional conduct for teachers and teacher leaders;

(13) Subsections (2), (3) and (5) to (9) come into force on Proclamation.

NOTE: (13) Coming into force.

An Act to Remove Politics and Ideology from Classrooms and Amend the Education Act, 2026

Amends SA 2026 c13

3(1) The *An Act to Remove Politics and Ideology from Classrooms and Amend the Education Act, 2026* is amended by this section.

NOTE: 3(1) Amends chapter 13 of the Statutes of Alberta, 2026.

(2) Section 18 is repealed and the following is substituted:

18 The following is added after section 195:

Naming and renaming of school buildings

195.01(1) The board of a public school division shall apply to the Minister, in the form and manner required by the Minister, for approval before commencing a process for naming or renaming a school building that the board owns.

(2) The Minister may approve or refuse to approve an application made under subsection (1).

(3) If the Minister approves an application made under subsection (1), the board may proceed with the process for naming or renaming a school building under this section.

(4) For the purposes of this section, commencing a process for naming or renaming a school building includes one or more of the following that the board, or a person acting on behalf of the board, may do:

- (a) directing a naming committee or advisory body to consider the name of one or more school buildings;
- (b) consulting with respect to the process for naming or renaming a school building;
- (c) soliciting, receiving or evaluating proposals for naming or renaming a school building;
- (d) incurring expenditures for the purpose of naming or renaming a school building;
- (e) undertaking activities for the purpose of selecting or changing an existing name of a school building.

(5) The board shall apply to the Minister, in the form and manner required by the Minister, for approval of the proposed name before naming or renaming a school building.

(6) Within 60 days after receiving an application under subsection (5), the Minister may, if the Minister considers it appropriate to do so,

- (a) approve the board's proposed name for the school building, or
- (b) refuse to approve the board's proposed name for the school building and shall provide written reasons for the refusal.

(7) If the board does not receive a decision from the Minister within the period referred to in subsection (6), the board's proposed name for the school building is deemed to be approved by the Minister.

(8) If the board's proposed name for a school building is approved or deemed to be approved under this section, the board may use that name.

(9) A board shall not use a proposed name for a school building unless the name has been approved or deemed to be approved under this section, and shall,

- (a) if the school building has a name, continue to use that name, or
- (b) if the school building does not have a name, refer to the school building by its street address.

(10) If the board's proposed name for a school building is refused under subsection (6)(b), the board may reapply to name or rename the school building and submit a new proposed name for the school building in accordance with this section.

NOTE: (2) Section 18 presently reads:

18 The following is added after section 195:

195.01(1) Before the board of a public school division may name or rename a school building that the board owns, the board shall, in accordance with the regulations, apply for the Minister's approval of the name.

(2) The Minister may approve or refuse to approve an application made under subsection (1) in accordance with the regulations.

195.02 The Minister may make regulations respecting applications to name and rename school buildings, including regulations

- (a) prescribing the form, manner and contents of such applications;*
- (b) prescribing factors that are to inform the making of such applications;*
- (c) prescribing the period within which boards are to receive a response to such applications and the consequences of not receiving a response within that period;*
- (d) respecting the manner in which the Minister may approve or refuse to approve such applications;*
- (e) respecting the manner in which school buildings that are the subject of applications for which approvals are refused are to be referred;*
- (f) respecting the making of reapplications where approvals are refused.*

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