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Please accept my brief on draft Bill 157: An Act to constitute the Société québécoise du cannabis, to enact the Cannabis Regulation Act and to amend various highway safety-related provisions.

Given that my background is in the Education sector my comments and recommendations are also made to both the Minister for Rehabilitation, Youth Protection, Public Health and Healthy Living - **Lucie Charlebois**, and Education Minister **Sébastien Proulx**.

My recommendations and suggestions are in agreement with **La Fédération des comités de parents du Québec (FCPQ)**.

Mémoire déposé à

la Commission de la santé et des services sociaux

Dans le cadre des consultations particulières sur le projet de loi no 157 :

Loi constituant la Société québécoise du cannabis, édictant la Loi encadrant le cannabis et modifiant certaines dispositions en matière de sécurité routière

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Recommandations à la Commission de la santé et des services sociaux (translated from the FCPQ)

- a. The legal age for consumption of cannabis should be set at 21 years.
- b. That the fines provided for adults found in possession of cannabis in places where this is prohibited, including schools, are more severe.
- c. That the obligation to participate in an education and prevention program is provided as alternative to the imposition of a fine or in addition to it for a minor found possession of cannabis.
- d. That the prohibition of smoking cannabis applies to all public places.
- e. That the sale of cannabis for recreational use is exclusively supported by the state.
- f. That any place that sells marijuana should be at least one kilometer away from any primary or secondary school.

- g. That any form of advertising promoting the cannabis is prohibited.
- h. That special attention be paid to the frameworks relating to the representation of people who use cannabis in media content to which minors are exposed.
- i. That most of the revenue from the sale of cannabis is paid to a prevention fund and cannabis research.
- j. A proportion (percentage) of the funds from the Prevention Fund and research on cannabis to be devoted to prevention and intervention with minors, especially to :
- disseminate information and educate young people on the effects of the consumption of drug addicts ;
 - intervene with young people experiencing difficulties related to drug use;
 - support organizations that work with minors and parents with children with substance use or addiction problems.

Recommendations to the Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports

Article 457.5 of the Quebec Education Act clearly states the Education Minister is responsible for the well-being of students.....

Consequently, the Minister has full power to see to it that schools and their Governing Boards, which include parents, are fully aware of all ramifications of the law when it comes into force.

457.5. The Minister may, by regulation, provide for and regulate the carrying out of information and prevention activities related to safety at school. The Minister may also, by regulation, prescribe or limit the application by school authorities of certain measures relating to safety at school and to the safety and well-being of students and the safety and integrity of their property.

Respectueusement,

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