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Bill 393

**An Act respecting the implementation of
the minimum citizen's income**

Introduction

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The object of this bill is to entrust the Minister of Social Solidarity with the responsibility of setting up a working committee to study the implementation of a minimum citizen's income for every person residing in Québec. The committee will be responsible for drafting a draft bill on the implementation of the minimum citizen's income.

The bill specifies that the committee will be charged, in particular, with describing, delimiting and defining the minimum citizen's income that will replace assistance programs such as income security and student assistance programs.

The committee will also be responsible for identifying the programs of the Government of Canada that are to be replaced by financial compensation where the Government of Québec is opting out of the program, in particular, old age pension and income supplement, employment insurance, family assistance and student assistance programs.

Lastly, the bill provides for the composition of the committee.

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AN ACT RESPECTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MINIMUM CITIZEN'S INCOME

WHEREAS the State must ensure a fair distribution of the collective wealth of its citizens ;

Whereas every person resident in Québec should receive an income enabling the person to provide for his or her basic needs such as shelter, food, clothing, health and education ;

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS :

1. Under the authority of the Premier, the Minister of Social Solidarity shall be responsible for setting up a working committee to study the implementation of the minimum citizen's income for every person resident in Québec.

The committee shall prepare a draft bill on the implementation of the minimum citizen's income. The draft bill shall be introduced in the National Assembly on or before (*insert here the date that is twelve months after the date of assent to this Act*).

2. The committee shall, in particular, describe, delimit and define the following notions :

(1) the minimum citizen's income to replace, in particular, income security programs and student financial assistance programs ;

(2) the income threshold giving entitlement to the minimum citizen's income ;

(3) the fiscal treatment of the minimum citizen's income ;

(4) the fiscal measures and the programs in force on (*insert here the date of assent to this Act*) that are to be integrated into the minimum citizen's income ;
and

(5) the programs of the Government of Canada that give rise to compensation where the Government of Québec is opting out, in particular, of old age pension and income supplement programs, employment insurance programs, family assistance programs or student financial assistance programs.

3. The committee shall be composed of persons chosen, in particular, within the Ministère de la Solidarité sociale, the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux, the Ministère du Revenu, the Ministère des Finances and the Secrétariat des affaires intergouvernementales canadiennes.

The following persons shall also be members of the committee :

(1) three persons chosen from among persons recommended by the most representative associations and groups in the business, labour and cooperative sectors ;

(2) three persons chosen from among persons recommended by the most representative socio-economic groups ; and

(3) two persons chosen from among persons recommended by the universities.

The list of the persons chosen to be members of the committee shall be submitted to the Premier for approval ; it shall be deposited in the National Assembly not later than (*insert here the date that is thirty days after the date of assent to this Act*) or if the Assembly is not in session, within three days of resumption.

4. Except the public servants, the other persons appointed to the committee are not entitled to receive remuneration.

5. The Minister of Social Solidarity is responsible for the administration of this Act.

6. This Act comes into force on (*insert here the date of assent to this Act*).