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Bill 7

An Act to amend the Act respecting the Conseil supérieur de l'éducation in order to establish the advisory committee on the financial accessibility of education

Introduction

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bill amends the Act respecting the Conseil supérieur de l'éducation in order to establish the advisory committee on the financial accessibility of education.

The advisory committee will be responsible for advising the Minister of Education on any matter submitted by the Minister in respect of financial assistance programs, tuition fees, admission or registration fees for educational services and other fees relating to such services, as well as any measures or policies that may affect the financial accessibility of education.

In addition, the bill provides that the Minister of Education is required to submit to the advisory committee for advice every draft regulation relating to the financial assistance programs, every condition the Minister intends to include in the budgetary rules and every directive the Minister intends to give to educational institutions in respect of those fees.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The preamble to the Act respecting the Conseil supérieur de l'éducation (R.S.Q., chapter C-60) is amended by adding, at the end, ", and an advisory committee to advise the Minister on the financial accessibility of education".

2. Section 6 of the said Act is amended by inserting "referred to in section 15" after "Council" in the first line.

3. Section 12 of the said Act is amended by inserting "referred to in section 15" after "committees" in the second line of the second paragraph.

4. The said Act is amended by inserting, after section 23, the following:

"23.1. An advisory committee on the financial accessibility of education is hereby established.

"23.2. The advisory committee is composed of fifteen members, including a chair, appointed by the Government:

(1) one member is a student at the secondary level in vocational education;

(2) two members are students at the college level, one in a program of technical studies and the other in a program of pre-university studies;

(3) three members are university students, one at the undergraduate level, one at the Master's level and one at the Doctoral level;

(4) one member is a teacher;

(5) four members are persons assigned to administrative functions, one in a general and vocational college and the others in an educational institution at the university level;

(6) three members are persons representing socio-economic groups;

(7) one member is a public servant at the Ministère de l'Éducation.

"23.3. The members of the advisory committee are appointed for a term of not more than four years.

At the expiry of their term, the members of the advisory committee remain in office until reappointed or replaced.

The term of a member of the advisory committee may be renewed only once.

"23.4. The advisory committee is responsible for advising the Minister of Education on every matter submitted to the committee by the Minister in respect of

(1) financial assistance programs established by the Act respecting financial assistance for education expenses (chapter A-13.3);

(2) tuition fees, admission or registration fees for educational services and other fees relating to such services;

(3) measures or policies that may affect the financial accessibility of education.

"23.5. The advisory committee may, with the authorization of the Council,

(1) refer to the Minister any question concerning a matter coming under the jurisdiction of the committee;

(2) cause studies and research to be carried out;

(3) solicit and receive observations and suggestions from individuals or groups.

"23.6. The advisory committee may adopt rules of internal management, which shall be submitted to the Council for approval.

"23.7. The Minister must seek the advice of the advisory committee on every draft regulation respecting the financial assistance programs referred to in paragraph 1 of section 23.4.

The Minister must also seek the advice of the advisory committee on every condition the Minister intends to include in the budgetary rules and on every directive the Minister intends to give to educational institutions in respect of the matters referred to in paragraph 2 of section 23.4.

"23.8. The Minister shall transmit to the Council every request for advice made to the advisory committee by the Minister.

The Minister shall indicate the time within which the advice of the advisory committee must be transmitted to the Minister. That time shall not be less than thirty days.

If the advisory committee fails to transmit its advice within the time indicated, the Minister's obligations under section 23.7 shall cease."

5. Section 27 of the said Act is amended by inserting ", 23.3" after "18" in the first line.

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