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**AN ACT TO AMEND MAINLY THE ACT RESPECTING THE MINISTÈRE DE
L'ÉCONOMIE ET DE L'INNOVATION WITH RESPECT TO RESEARCH**

**SECTION 2 (section 22.1 of the Act respecting the Ministère de
l'Économie et de l'Innovation)**

Add the following paragraph at the end of proposed section 22.1:

The Government determines the chief scientist's remuneration, employee benefits and other conditions of employment.

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SECTION 2 (section 22.1 of the Act respecting the Ministère de
l'Économie et de l'Innovation)

Add “, the majority of whom are from a public research institution or a higher education institution” at the end of the second paragraph.

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SECTION 2 (section 22.8 of the Act respecting the Ministère de
l'Économie et de l'Innovation)

In proposed section 22.8:

1. Replace "fields of research" in the introductory clause of the first paragraph by "research sectors".
2. Insert ", with regard to each of the sectors," after "It helps increase" in the second paragraph.

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**SECTION 2 (section 22.9 of the Act respecting the Ministère de
l'Économie et de l'Innovation)**

In paragraph 1 of proposed section 22.9:

1. Replace “fields” in subparagraph *a* by “research sectors”.
2. Insert “institutions” after “public research” in subparagraph *a*.
3. Replace “of bursaries” in subparagraph *c* by “of achievement bursaries”.
4. Add the following subparagraph at the end:
 - (*d*) intersectoral research activities;

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SECTION 2 (section 22.11 of the Act respecting the Ministère de
l'Économie et de l'Innovation)

Add at the end:

The plan must also indicate separately, for the part of the budget envelope that comes from the appropriations granted to the Minister by Parliament for the Fund, the sums to be allocated to each of the sectors referred to in section 22.8, determined based on a distribution that takes into account the specific characteristics of each of the sectors while seeking to maintain stable proportionality for each sector's financing.

The plan must provide that preponderance is to be given to financial assistance programs in support of investigator-initiated research.

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SECTION 2 (section 22.21 of the Act respecting the Ministère de
l'Économie et de l'Innovation)

In proposed section 22.21:

1. Replace both occurrences of "fields of research" in the first paragraph by "research sectors".
2. Strike out "full-time" in subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph.

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SECTION 2 (section 22.21 of the Act respecting the Ministère de
l'Économie et de l'Innovation)

Replace the last paragraph by the following paragraph:

A member of the personnel of the Ministère de l'Économie et de l'Innovation designated by the Minister and a member of the personnel of the Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche, de la Science et de la Technologie designated by the minister responsible for that government department take part in the meetings of the board as observers but are not entitled to vote.

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SECTION 2 (section 22.26 of the Act respecting the Ministère de
l'Économie et de l'Innovation)

In proposed section 22.26:

1. Insert "from a public research institution or a higher education institution" after "scientific directors" in the first paragraph.
2. Replace "fields of research" in the first paragraph by "research sectors".
3. Replace "field of research" in the second paragraph by "research sector".

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SECTION 2 (section 22.27.1 of the Act respecting the Ministère de
l'Économie et de l'Innovation)

Insert after proposed section 22.27:

“§3. — *Advisory scientific committees*

“**22.27.1.** The Fund establishes an advisory scientific committee for each of the research sectors referred to in section 22.8.

Each committee is composed of 10 to 15 members appointed by the Fund for a non-renewable term of up to three years.

A majority of the members must be from a public research institution or a higher education institution and have experience relevant to the sector to which the committee is attached. At least one of the members must be from a college-level educational institution.

The Fund must see to it that each committee is composed of a professionally, institutionally and regionally diverse membership.

Each committee is chaired by the scientific director of the sector to which it is attached.

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SECTION 2 (section 22.27.2 of the Act respecting the Ministère de
l'Économie et de l'Innovation)

Insert after proposed section 22.27.1, introduced by amendment:

“22.27.2. The advisory scientific committees give opinions and make recommendations to the Fund on active or emerging areas of research, on financial assistance programs and on the development of its strategic planning.

The scientific committees also give opinions and make recommendations to the Fund on any specific matter related to its mission that it submits to them.

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SECTION 2 (section 22.30 of the Act respecting the Ministère de
l'Économie et de l'Innovation)

Add the following sentence at the end of proposed section 22.30: "It must give an account of the sectoral budgets and be made public annually on the Fund's website."

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SECTION 9 (15.0.2. of the Act respecting the Ministère du
Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs)

Replace "22.2" by "22.1".

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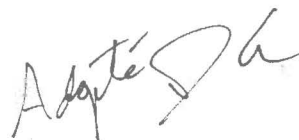
**AN ACT TO AMEND MAINLY THE ACT RESPECTING THE MINISTÈRE DE
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SECTION 16.1 (section 426 of the Act to make the health and social
services system more effective)

Insert after section 16:

**ACT TO MAKE THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES SYSTEM MORE
EFFECTIVE**

16.1. Section 426 of the Act to make the health and social services system more effective (2023, chapter 34) is amended by replacing “Québec Research Fund–Health established by the Act respecting the Ministère de l’Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche, de la Science et de la Technologie (chapter M-15.1.0.1)” in subparagraph 5 of the first paragraph by “Fonds de recherche du Québec established by the Act respecting the Ministère de l’Économie et de l’Innovation (chapter M-14.1)”.

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**SECTION 16.2 (section 427 of the Act to make the health and social
services system more effective)**

Insert after section 16.1, introduced by amendment:

16.2. Section 427 of the Act is amended by replacing subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph by the following subparagraph:

“(3) it manages a research centre or structure recognized by the Fonds de recherche du Québec;”.

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**SECTION 16.3 (section 429 of the Act to make the health and social
services system more effective)**

Insert after section 16.2, introduced by amendment:

16.3. Section 429 of the Act is amended by replacing “Québec Research Fund–
Health” by “Fonds de recherche du Québec”.

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SECTION 24

Replace "field of research" and "field" by "research sector" and "sector", respectively.

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SECTION 35

Replace by:

35. The fiscal year of the Fonds de recherche du Québec – Nature et technologies, the Fonds de recherche du Québec – Santé and the Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et culture begun on 1 April 2023 ends on the date preceding the date of coming into force of section 22.5 of the Act respecting the Ministère de l'Économie et de l'Innovation, enacted by section 2.

The last audit of the books and accounts of the Fonds de recherche du Québec – Nature et technologies, the Fonds de recherche du Québec – Santé and the Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et culture by the Auditor General covers the period determined in the first paragraph.

The Fonds de recherche du Québec produces and submits to the Minister of Economy and Innovation, not later than six months after the date of coming into force of section 22.5 of the Act respecting the Ministère de l'Économie et de l'Innovation, enacted by section 2, the last annual management report and the last financial statements of the Fonds de recherche du Québec – Nature et technologies, the Fonds de recherche du Québec – Santé and the Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et culture provided for in sections 58 and 60, respectively, of the Act respecting the Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche, de la Science et de la Technologie.

The Minister tables the annual report of each fund in the National Assembly within 30 days after receiving it or, if the Assembly is not sitting, within 30 days of resumption.

This section has effect since 31 March 2024. It applies despite any incompatible provision.

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SECTION 36

Replace by:

36. This Act comes into force on 1 June 2024.

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