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Bill 8

**An Act to regulate the language
of instruction in vocational training
and in adult general education**

Introduction

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bill establishes that training services provided in vocational training and in adult general education must be provided in French. It imposes that requirement on school service centres and on private educational institutions accredited for purposes of subsidies in relation to the educational services covered by the accreditation.

The bill provides that those training services may be provided in English to persons who have been declared eligible to receive instruction in English in kindergarten classes and in elementary and secondary schools in accordance with the Charter of the French language.

The bill prohibits permitting or tolerating that a person receive those services in English where such services are not to be provided to the person in that language. It provides for penalties applicable for non-compliance with that prohibition.

Lastly, the bill contains transitional provisions.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS BILL:

- Charter of the French language (chapter C-11);
- Act respecting private education (chapter E-9.1).

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AN ACT TO REGULATE THE LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION IN VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND IN ADULT GENERAL EDUCATION

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

CHARTER OF THE FRENCH LANGUAGE

1. The Charter of the French language (chapter C-11) is amended by inserting the following division after section 88:

“DIVISION I.1

“INSTRUCTION IN VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND IN ADULT GENERAL EDUCATION

“**88.0.0.1.** The training services in vocational training and in adult general education prescribed by the basic regulations established by the Government under section 448 of the Education Act (chapter I-13.3) shall be in French, except where this division allows otherwise.

This rule obtains in school bodies within the meaning of Schedule I and in private educational institutions accredited for purposes of subsidies under the Act respecting private education (chapter E-9.1) with respect to the educational services covered by an accreditation.

“**88.0.0.2.** The training services referred to in section 88.0.0.1 may be provided in English to persons declared eligible to receive instruction in English under the provisions of Division I.

In the case of a person declared eligible to receive instruction in English under section 84.1 or 85, the services may be provided to the person in English only for the remainder of the period of exemption granted under either of those sections.

“**88.0.0.3.** No person may permit or tolerate a person’s receiving training services referred to in section 88.0.0.1 in English where such services are not to be provided to the person in that language in accordance with the provisions of this division.”

2. Section 182 of the Charter is amended by inserting “, 88.0.0.3” after “78.3” in subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph.

3. Section 204.32 of the Charter is amended by inserting “, 88.0.0.3” after “78.3” in the first paragraph.

4. Section 205 of the Charter is amended by inserting “, 88.0.0.3” after “78.3” in the first paragraph.

5. Sections 208.1, 208.2 and 208.5 of the Charter are amended by replacing “or 78.2” by “, 78.2 or 88.0.0.3”.

ACT RESPECTING PRIVATE EDUCATION

6. Section 12 of the Act respecting private education (chapter E-9.1) is amended

(1) by replacing “or 78.2” in subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph by “, 78.2 or 88.0.0.3”;

(2) by inserting “or 88.0.0.1” after “of section 72” in the third paragraph.

7. Section 18 of the Act is amended by replacing “and 78.2” in subparagraph 3 of the second paragraph by “, 78.2 and 88.0.0.3”.

8. Section 119 of the Act is amended by replacing “or 78.2” in paragraph 7 by “, 78.2 or 88.0.0.3”.

9. Section 126 of the Act is amended by replacing “or 73” by “, 73 or 88.0.0.1”.

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

10. The training services in vocational training referred to in section 88.0.0.1 of the Charter of the French language (chapter C-11), enacted by section 1 of this Act, may be provided in English to a person enrolled in a vocational training program in that language on 30 June 2028, for the purposes of that program.

11. The training services in adult general education referred to in section 88.0.0.1 of the Charter of the French language (chapter C-11), enacted by section 1 of this Act, may be provided in English to a person enrolled in those services in that language on 30 June 2028, for the purposes of the component of those services that is referred to in any of paragraphs 1 to 10 of section 3 of the Basic adult general education regulation (chapter I-13.3, r. 9) and to which the person’s enrolment relates on that date.

12. This Act comes into force on 1 July 2028.