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Bill 23

**An Act to amend the Education Act
concerning certain educational services
for students under five years of age**

Introduction

**Introduced by
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Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports**

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bill amends the Education Act to give the Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports the power to determine conditions and procedures for the organization, by school boards, of preschool educational services intended for students or categories of students under five years of age, as well as the activities or services intended for the students' parents.

The bill specifies the responsibilities of the Minister, the school board and the school.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS BILL:

- Education Act (chapter I-13.3).

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE EDUCATION ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR STUDENTS UNDER FIVE YEARS OF AGE

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Education Act (chapter I-13.3) is amended by inserting the following section after section 37.1:

“37.2. At the request of the school board, the school shall provide preschool educational services to students enrolled in accordance with section 224.1.”

2. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 224:

“224.1. A school board referred to in section 461.1 shall organize preschool educational services, admit students to them and enrol the students in a school in accordance with the conditions and procedures established by the Minister under that section. The school board shall also organize, if applicable, activities or services intended for the students’ parents in order to help achieve the educational services objectives.

The school board may however be exempted from the objectives set by the Minister under the third paragraph of section 461.1 if it proves, to the satisfaction of the Minister, that it is unable to achieve them.”

3. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 461:

“461.1. The Minister may establish conditions and procedures for the organization, by the school boards, of preschool educational services intended for students or categories of students under five years of age. The Minister may specify the activities or services for the students’ parents that a school board must organize to help achieve the educational services objectives.

The conditions and procedures established under the first paragraph may be different from those determined by the basic school regulation and may, in particular, specify the responsibilities of the various participants from the educational sector. The conditions and procedures may be general or specific or they may be applicable only to one or to certain school boards.

In addition, the Minister may set objectives for and limits to the organization of the educational services by the school boards.”

- 4.** Section 472 of the Act is amended by replacing “section 468” in the second paragraph by “sections 461.1 and 468”.
- 5.** This Act comes into force on (*insert the date of assent to this Act*).