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(Assented to , 1983)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

- 1 The Universities Act is amended by this Act.*
- 2 Section 1(f) is amended by striking out "an" and substituting "a private".*
- 3 Section 21.92(1)(a)(ii) is amended by striking out "41(1)" and substituting "44(1)".*
- 4 Section 53 is amended by adding "or a private college designated under section 64.5" after "university".*
- 5 Section 60(3) is amended by striking out "Board of Governors" and substituting "Governors of".*
- 6 Section 61(2) is repealed and the following is substituted:*
 - (2) A representative may be appointed by each of the following to attend meetings of the Universities Co-ordinating Council:
 - (a) a private college that has been designated under section 64.5;
 - (b) a private college that
 - (i) is affiliated with a university under an agreement under section 17(3), and
 - (ii) provides instruction in courses that are acceptable to the university under the provisions of the agreement referred to in section 17(4).

Explanatory Notes

1 This Bill will amend chapter U-5 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 1980.

2 Section 1(f) presently reads as follows:

(f) "private college" means a college incorporated under an Act of the Legislature, but does not include a public college as defined in the Colleges Act;

3 Corrects a cross-reference.

4 Section 53 presently reads:

53 With the exception of degrees in divinity, no person other than a university may grant or confer any academic degree.

5 Corrects a reference.

6 Section 61(2) presently reads:

(2) A private college that

(a) is affiliated with a university under an agreement under section 17(3), and

(b) is providing instruction in courses that, under the provision of the agreement affiliating that private college referred to in section 17(4), are acceptable to the university

may appoint a representative to attend meetings of the Universities Coordinating Council.

7 *The following is added after section 64:*

PART 2.1

PRIVATE COLLEGES ACCREDITATION BOARD

64.1 In this Part, “Accreditation Board” means the Private Colleges Accreditation Board established under section 64.2.

64.2(1) There shall be a Private Colleges Accreditation Board appointed by the Minister consisting of

- (a) a chairman,
- (b) 4 academic staff members of the universities, nominated by the Universities Co-ordinating Council,
- (c) 4 academic staff members of private colleges that
 - (i) are affiliated with a university under an agreement under section 17(3), or
 - (ii) have been designated under section 64.5

nominated jointly by the chief executive officers of each of those private colleges, and

- (d) 4 members of the public.

(2) The Minister shall designate an employee under his administration to attend meetings of the Accreditation Board.

(3) The person designated under subsection (2) shall be given prior notice of all meetings of the Accreditation Board and has the right to attend and to participate in those meetings, but does not have the right to vote on matters before the Accreditation Board.

64.3(1) A person appointed as a member of the Accreditation Board holds office for a term not exceeding 3 years as prescribed in the appointment and is eligible for reappointment for a 2nd term, but not for further reappointment.

(2) The members of the Accreditation Board

- (a) shall be paid travelling and living expenses while absent from their ordinary places of residence and in the course of their duties as members of the Accreditation Board, and
- (b) may be paid remuneration for the performance of their duties as members of the Accreditation Board

at rates prescribed by the Minister.

64.4(1) The Accreditation Board shall each year prepare a budget and submit it to the Minister for approval, and the Minister shall, in accordance with the approved budget, pay the operating expenses of the Accreditation Board.

7 Private Colleges Accreditation Board.

(2) The Accreditation Board shall

- (a) keep full and accurate records of its proceedings, transactions and finances, and
- (b) prepare and transmit to the Minister annual and other reports and returns as required by the Minister.

64.5(1) The Accreditation Board may inquire into any matter that relates to the approval of programs of study, other than programs in divinity, leading to a baccalaureate that may be granted by a private college.

(2) If the Accreditation Board determines that a private college has met the prescribed minimum conditions for the approval of a program of study leading to a baccalaureate, it shall approve the program of study and recommend to the Minister that the private college be granted the power to grant a baccalaureate in respect of that approved program of study.

(3) On the recommendation of the Minister, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may by order designate a private college as an institution that may grant a baccalaureate in respect of a program of study approved by the Accreditation Board.

(4) An order under subsection (3) is subject to any conditions specified in the order.

64.6(1) The Accreditation Board shall establish procedures for the periodic evaluation of approved programs of study provided by private colleges designated under section 64.5.

(2) If the Accreditation Board determines that a program of study should no longer be approved, it shall withdraw its approval of the program of study and recommend to the Minister that the private college that offers the program of study should no longer be designated under section 64.5.

(3) On the recommendation of the Minister, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may by order rescind the designation under section 64.5.

64.7 Without restricting the generality of section 64.5(1) and 64.6(1), the Accreditation Board may

- (a) determine the minimum standards for the approval of a program of study leading to a baccalaureate that may be granted by a private college,
- (b) establish and implement procedures for
 - (i) the review and approval of courses of study,
 - (ii) the review and approval of the academic credentials of the instructional staff,
 - (iii) the inspection and approval of libraries, laboratories and other related instructional facilities, and

- (iv) the examination of available financial support of a private college that proposes a program of study leading to a baccalaureate to be granted by that private college,
- (c) require a report from the governing body of a private college on any matter pertaining to a proposed or to an approved program of study, and
- (d) appoint persons to provide advice and recommendations relating to the review and evaluation made by the Accreditation Board in respect of any program of study.

8 *The heading preceding section 65 is repealed and the following is substituted:*

PART 3
GENERAL

9 *Section 67(b) is amended*

- (a) *in subclause (i)*
 - (i) *by adding “or a private college designated under section 64.5” after “study by a university”, and*
 - (ii) *by striking out “already provided by a university”;*
- (b) *in subclause (ii) by adding “or a private college designated under section 64.5” after “university”.*

10 *The Colleges Act is amended by repealing section 1(h) and substituting the following:*

- (h) “private college” means an educational institution incorporated under a private Act of the Legislature that
 - (i) has entered into an affiliation agreement with a university and is providing instruction in courses acceptable to that university as constituting a full year’s work towards an academic degree, or
 - (ii) has been designated under the *Universities Act* as an institution that may grant a baccalaureate;

11 *This Act comes into force on Proclamation.*

8 The heading preceding section 65 presently reads:

PART 3
PROVINCIAL UNIVERSITIES — ADMINISTRATION

9 Section 67(b) presently reads:

(b) regulate and prohibit

(i) the extension, expansion or establishment of any service, facility or program of study by a university so as to reduce or avoid an undesirable or unnecessary duplication of a similar service, facility or program of study already provided by a university, and

(ii) the establishment of a new school or faculty by a university.

10 Consequential. Section 1(h) of the Colleges Act presently reads:

(h) "private college" means a college in Alberta, other than a public college, that is in affiliation with a university and provides instruction in courses acceptable to that university as constituting a full year's work toward a degree;