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Bill 85

An Act to amend the Education Act with respect to contracts for the transportation of students

Introduction

**Introduced by
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill amends the provisions of the Education Act concerned with the rules for granting contracts for the transportation of students, and establishes new standards respecting the duration of such contracts.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Section 297 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., chapter I-13.3) is amended

(1) by replacing the second paragraph by the following paragraph:

“In the case of a call for public tenders, the school board must accept the lowest admissible tender. However, the Minister of Transport may, exceptionally, authorize the school board to award the contract to another admissible bidder and attach conditions to such authorization. The school board may also reject all the tenders and either call for new ones or, in the cases provided for by regulation of the Government, enter into a contract by mutual agreement.”;

(2) by replacing the last paragraph by the following paragraph:

“The duration of the contract is determined in accordance with the standards established by regulation of the Government. However, where no regulation exists, the maximum duration shall not exceed three school years.”

2. Section 453 of the said Act is amended by adding, at the end of subparagraph 4 of the first paragraph, the words “and establish standards in respect of its duration”.

3. This Act comes into force on 1 July 1993.