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### EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1963.

#### Arrangement of Sections.

#### Section

1. Short title.
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3. Repeal and re-enactment of Part II of Chapter 91.
4. Repeal and re-enactment of section 53 of Chapter 91.
5. Savings.

#### A BILL

#### Intituled

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Education Ordinance.

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana :—

A.D. 1963.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Education (Amendment) Ordinance, 1963, and shall be construed and read with the Education Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance and any Ordinance amending the same.

Short title.  
Cap. 91.

2. Subsection (1) of section 2 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the insertion after the definition of the word "prescribed" of the following definition—

Amendment  
of section 2  
of Chapter 91.

“Minister” means the Minister for the time being charged with responsibility for education.’

3. Part II of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following provisions substituted therefor —

Repeal and  
re-enactment  
of Part II of  
Chapter 91.

“Part II—National Council for Education.

Constitution  
of National  
Council for  
Education.

42(1) There shall be established a body to be known as “The National Council for Education” (hereinafter referred to as “the Council”) consisting of a Chairman and not more than thirteen other members appointed by the Minister.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this section, every member of the Council shall hold office for such period as is specified in the instrument or other document appointing him, and he shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(3) The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Council but in his absence the members present shall choose one of their number to act as Chairman.

(4) The Chairman at any meeting of the Council shall have an original and a casting vote.

(5) Seven members (including the Chairman or any other member acting as such) shall form a quorum at any meeting of the Council.

(6) If any member of the Council —

(a) departs from British Guiana without the leave of the Minister; or

(b) remains out of British Guiana after the expiration of his leave; or

(c) fails without reasonable excuse (the sufficiency whereof shall be determined by the Minister)

to attend six consecutive meetings of the Council,  
he shall cease to be a member of the Council.

- (7) The Chairman or a member of the Council may resign his office by writing under his hand addressed to the Minister, but he shall be eligible for re-appointment.
- (8) When the Minister has given leave of absence to a member the Minister may appoint an acting member in his place.
- (9) Subject to the provisions of subsection (5) of this section, the Council shall not be disqualified for the transaction of business by reason of any vacancy in the membership thereof, and the validity of the transaction of business at any meeting of the Council shall not be affected by reason only of the fact that some person who was not entitled so to do took part in those proceedings.

Functions of the Council.

43. It shall be the function of the Council to advise and make recommendations to the Minister upon matters relating to elementary, secondary, or further education.

Extraordinary Meetings of the Council.

44. An extraordinary meeting of the Council shall be summoned by the direction of the Minister or the Chairman, or by the secretary on the written request of a majority of the members of the Council.

Appointment of Secretary.

45. Subject to the approval of the Minister, the Council may appoint a secretary at such salary and on such terms and conditions as the Council thinks fit, and the salary shall be paid out of moneys voted by the Legislature for the purposes of education."

Repeal and re-enactment of section 53 of Chapter 91.

4. Section 53 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor—

"Regulations.

- 53(1) The Minister may from time to time make regulations generally for establishing and maintaining an efficient system of education throughout British Guiana.

- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, the Minister may make regulations for all or any of the following purposes—

- (a) for securing the proper application and distribution of all moneys voted by the Legislature for the purposes of education;
- (b) for awarding scholarships or other awards or for withholding any such scholarship or award and for controlling persons holding such scholarships or awards;
- (c) for the government and discipline of all schools of every kind maintained or in receipt of aid from the revenues of British Guiana and of the teachers thereof."

Savings.

5.(1) Any code or regulations made by the Governor under section 53 of the Principal Ordinance and in force immediately prior to the commencement of this Ordinance, shall continue in force and have effect as if made by the Minister for the time being charged with responsibility for education.

(2) Wherever in any regulations made under the Principal Ordinance and in force immediately prior to the commencement of this Ordinance, there is any reference to the Education Committee there shall be substituted therefor a reference to the Council constituted under the provisions of this Ordinance.

## OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Education Committee appointed under Part II of the Education Ordinance, Chapter 91, has ceased to function and it is considered desirable that there should be established for British Guiana a National Council for Education in place of the Education Committee. This Bill therefore seeks to provide for the establishment of the National Council for Education whose function it will be to advise the Minister for the time being charged with responsibility for education, on matters relating to education in elementary and secondary schools. The Council will consist of not more than fourteen members (including a Chairman) appointed by the Minister.

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