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**BILL M 213**

**DRUG USE PREVENTION EDUCATION  
IN SCHOOLS ACT**

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### **Explanatory Note**

This Bill provides for drug use prevention education and mandatory anti-drug messaging in schools.

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HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:

**Definitions**

1 In this Act:

**“authority responsible for the operation of a school”** means,

- (a) in the case of a Provincial school, the minister,
- (b) in the case of a public school that is operated by a board of education, the board,
- (c) in the case of a public school that is operated by a francophone education authority, the francophone education authority, and
- (d) in the case of an independent school, the independent school authority responsible for that school;

**“board of education”** has the same meaning as in the *School Act*;

**“drug”** means a controlled substance as defined in the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (Canada);

**“francophone education authority”** has the same meaning as in the *School Act*;

**“independent school”** has the same meaning as in the *Independent School Act*;

**“independent school authority”** has the same meaning as “authority” in the *Independent School Act*;

**“Provincial school”** has the same meaning as in the *School Act*;

**“independent school”** has the same meaning as in the *Independent School Act*;

**“public school”** has the same meaning as “school” as defined in the *School Act*;

“school” means

- (a) a Provincial school,
- (b) a public school as defined in the *School Act*, and
- (c) an independent school as defined in the *Independent School Act*.

### **Purposes**

- 2 The purposes of this Act are to:
- (a) ensure that schools in British Columbia deliver clear and consistent anti-drug messaging to students;
  - (b) mandate a drug use prevention education curriculum in all schools; and
  - (c) support and reinforce the role of schools in protecting children from the risks of drug use.

### **Drug use prevention education curriculum**

- 3 The minister must ensure that, within 6 months of the coming into force of this Act, the curriculum for all schools in respect of drug use
- (a) explicitly discourages drug use,
  - (b) focuses on the negative health, social and legal consequences of drug use, and
  - (c) promotes stigma against drug use as a deterrent.

### **Mandatory anti-drug messaging**

- 4 The authority responsible for the operation of a school must ensure that
- (a) anti-drug messaging is prominently displayed in classrooms, hallways and student gathering areas of the school, and
  - (b) the school holds at least one educational session in each school year for students and parents on the risks and dangers of drug use.

### **Reporting**

- 5 Every board of education, francophone education authority and independent school authority must report annually to the minister on the drug use prevention education curriculum in the schools under its jurisdiction.

### **Regulations**

- 6 The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations referred to in section 41 of the *Interpretation Act*.

### **Commencement**

- 7 This Act comes into force on the date of Royal Assent.