

Chapter 8

INTERIM LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION ACT

(Assented to March 12, 2019)

Whereas section 8 of the *Inuit Language Protection Act* guarantees Inuit Language instruction in the education program;

Whereas Part 4 of the *Education Act* provides for a bilingual education, with the Inuit Language and another Official Language as languages of instruction;

Whereas section 8 of the *Inuit Language Protection Act* is scheduled to come into force for grades 4 to 12 on July 1, 2019 and Part 4 of the *Education Act* is scheduled to apply fully to those grades on that date;

Whereas there are, at the present time, insufficient numbers of certified teachers available to provide Inuit Language instruction in grades 4 to 12;

Whereas the Government of Nunavut does not have the ability to provide Inuit Language instruction in grades 4 to 12 commencing on July 1, 2019;

Whereas the Minister of Education intends to introduce a Bill in the Fifth Legislative Assembly to amend both the *Inuit Language Protection Act* and the *Education Act* with respect to Inuit Language instruction;

Whereas it is unlikely that the amending Bill will receive Assent prior to July 1, 2019;

Whereas it is desirable to suspend, for grades 4 to 12, the coming into force of section 8 of the *Inuit Language Protection Act* and the application of Part 4 of the *Education Act* to allow the Legislative Assembly ample time to study and consider the amending Bill;

The Commissioner, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly, enacts as follows:

Definitions

1. In this Act,

"amending Act" means the Act resulting from the amending Bill, should it receive Assent; (*loi modificative*)

"amending Bill" means the government Bill to amend the *Education Act* and the *Inuit Language Protection Act* introduced or to be introduced during the Fifth Legislative Assembly; (*projet de loi modificatif*)

"deferred coming-into-force date" means the earlier of

- (a) the day following the day the amending Act receives Assent,

- (b) the day following the day on which the amending Bill is otherwise removed from the order paper of the Legislative Assembly, and
- (c) the day following the dissolution of the Fifth Legislative Assembly.
(*date d'entrée en vigueur reportée*)

Suspension – section 8 of *Inuit Language Protection Act*

2. (1) Despite paragraph 49(4)(b) of the *Inuit Language Protection Act* but subject to the amending Act, section 8 of the *Inuit Language Protection Act* only comes into force for all grades, other than Kindergarten to Grade 3, on the deferred coming-into-force date.

Suspension – Part 4 of *Education Act*

(2) Despite section 28 of the *Education Act* but subject to the amending Act, Part 4 of the *Education Act* applies to all grades, other than Kindergarten to Grade 3, only as of the deferred coming-into-force date.

Provision of Inuit Language instruction

3. Nothing in this Act is to be interpreted as
- (a) preventing Inuit Language instruction in any grade; or
 - (b) affecting the operation of section 8 of the *Inuit Language Protection Act* or Part 4 of the *Education Act* with respect to Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Repeal

4. This Act is repealed on the day following the deferred coming-into-force date.