

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE STAGE AMENDMENTS

THE EDUCATION MODERNISATION BILL, 2009

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 52(1) and (2), I, the Honourable Alden McLaughlin, give notice to move the following amendments to the Education Modernisation Bill, 2009:

That the Bill be amended as follows -

- (a) in clause 11, by inserting after subclause (3) the following:
 - "(4) The Chief Officer shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that the permission referred to in subsection (3)(d) is granted expeditiously.";
- (b) in clause 41, by adding at the end of the clause the following words:
 - "including transitional matters relating to the Education Council and the Education Board established under the Education Law (1999 Revision) and any other matters relating to the operation of that Law."
- (c) in Part XVI, by inserting after clause 40 the following clause:

"Child Abuse Reporting Policy

- 40A.(1) Every school or early childhood institution shall have a written Child Abuse Reporting Policy which shall comply with the Children Law.
- (2) It is deemed to be a condition of a grant of Government funding to an assisted school or early childhood institution that there shall be for that school or institution a Child Abuse Reporting Policy.
- (3) The Child Abuse Reporting Policy for a school or early childhood institution shall apply in relation to anything that happens-

- (a) at the school or institution; and
- (b) while a student or child is engaged in activities away from the premises of the school or institution, arranged as activities of that school or institution;

and each school or institution may decide that it shall apply at other times and in other places when the school or institution considers it appropriate for the protection of students and children.

(4) In the preparation and revision of a Child Abuse Reporting Policy for a school or early childhood institution, regard shall be had to guidance which may from time to time be given by the Minister on matters relating to the reporting of child abuse.".

Moved by: Honourable Alden McLaughlin, Minister of Education, Training,

Employment, Youth, Sport and Culture.

Received in the Office of the Clerk this 18th day of March, 2009.

Passed by the Legislative Assembly this 19th day of March 2009.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.