# STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES Wednesday, April 19, 2023

## MINUTE NO. 26 5:40 p.m. — Legislative Chamber

- 1. **Present**: Terry Jenson in the chair and members Meara Conway, Muhammad Fiaz, Marv Friesen, Joe Hargrave, Warren Kaeding, and Hugh Nerlien.
- 2. The committee resumed debate on Bill No. 101, *The Child and Family Services Amendment Act*, 2022.

The Minister of Social Services and the following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

### Witnesses

Ministry of Social Services
Hon. Gene Makowsky, Minister
Kimberly Kratzig, Deputy Minister
Tobie Eberhardt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Child and Family Programs
Janice Colquhoun, Executive Director, Indigenous Services
Janna Taylor, Director, Records and Privacy
Ministry of Justice
Jeffrey Crawford, Senior Crown Counsel

- 3. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 14, they were agreed to.
- 4. During consideration of clause 15, it was moved by Mr. Fiaz:

Amend Clause 15 of the printed Bill by adding the following subsection after subsection (2):

### "(3) The following subsection is added after subsection 37(11):

'(12) Notwithstanding section 68, an order made pursuant to this section expires on the day on which the child who is the subject of the order is placed in the custody of an Indigenous governing body'".

The question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 15 as amended, it was agreed to.

- 5. The questions being put on clauses 16 to 23, they were agreed to.
- 6. During consideration of clause 24, it was moved by Ms. Conway:

Strike out subsection 74(1) in Clause 24 of the printed Bill.

The question being put on the amendment, it was defeated.

7. During consideration of clause 24, it was moved by Ms. Conway:

Clause 24 of the printed Bill is amended by adding the following after subsection 74.1:

#### "Reconsideration

- **74.2** (1) The minister, director, or an officer in dealing with a request for information under sections 74 and 74.1 shall comply with this section.
- (2) The minister, director or an officer shall respond to a request for information within 30 days of receiving the request.
- (3) If the minister, director, or an officer decides to refuse to provide information requested, the minister, director, or an officer, after hearing from the person making the request shall, within 30 days of the request, provide written reasons for the refusal.
- (4) If a director or an officer makes a decision after a request for information, that person or organization can appeal to the minister for re-consideration of the decision and the minister after hearing from the person making the request shall provide a decision with written reasons, within 60 days of the request.
- (5) If a person considers their information has been improperly disclosed, under section 74 or 74.1, the person may request the minister consider the disclosure and the minister may direct the ministry to request return of the information or cease providing the information in the future and the minister after hearing from the person complaining of the disclosure shall provide a decision with written reasons within 60 days of receiving the complaint.
- (6) The minister shall publish on the website of the ministry any policies or procedures made in relation to sections 74 or 74.1 and any regulations made under those sections".

The question being put on the amendment, it was defeated.

- 8. The question being put on clause 24, it was agreed to.
- 9. The questions being put on clauses 25 to 27, they were agreed to.
- 10. It was moved by Mr. Nerlien:

That the committee report Bill No. 101, *The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 2022* with amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

11. It was moved by Mr. Hargrave:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

12. The committee adjourned at 7:44 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Humble-Selinger	Terry Jenson
Committee Clerk	Chair