

# *The Foundation Grants Act*

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Chapter F-20 of *The Revised Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1978*  
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## CHAPTER F-20

### An Act to provide for the Financing of Elementary and Secondary Education

#### Short title

1 This Act may be cited as *The Foundation Grants Act*.

R.S.S. 1978, c.F-20, s.1.

#### Interpretation

2(1) In this Act:

##### “minister”

(a) “**minister**” means the Minister of Education;

##### “recognized”

(b) “**recognized**” means recognized by the minister;

##### “school system”

(c) “**school system**” means a school district, other than a school district comprising part of a larger school unit, organized under *The School Act*, any former *School Act*, *The Secondary Education Act* or any former *Secondary Education Act* or a school unit established under *The Larger School Units Act* or any former *Larger School Units Act*.

(2) All other words, names and expressions, unless the context otherwise requires, shall have the same expressed or implied meaning attached to them as in *The School Act*.

1970, c.22, s.2; R.S.S. 1978, c.F-20, s.2.

#### Minister to determine amounts as expenditures for school systems

3(1) Subject to subsection (2), the minister shall, for the purpose of calculating grants under this Act, determine an amount to be called the “recognized expenditure” in respect of each school system.

(2) The minister shall, in determining the recognized expenditures under subsection (1), take into consideration the number of pupils enrolled in the school or schools in the school system and shall include sums in respect of the school system, where applicable, for:

- (a) administration;
- (b) instruction;
- (c) plant operation and maintenance;
- (d) debt retirement;
- (e) transportation of pupils; and
- (f) such other expenditures, including fees and other payments made by the school system on behalf of pupils attending other school systems or institutions, as may from time to time be recognized.

1970, c.22, s.3; R.S.S. 1978, c.F-20, s.3.

**Minister to determine equalized assessments**

4 For the purpose of calculating grants the minister shall, after consultation with the Minister of Municipal Affairs, determine an equalized assessment in respect of each school system.

1970, c.22, s.4; R.S.S. 1978, c.F-20, s.4.

**Minister to compute certain revenue of school systems**

5 The minister shall, for each school system, compute an amount to be called the "local revenue" of the system, consisting of the sum of:

- (a) the product obtained when the equalized assessment of the school system determined under section 4 is multiplied by a mill rate determined by the minister; and
- (b) such other revenues from fees or other sources as may be recognized.

1970, c.22, s.5; R.S.S. 1978, c.F-20, s.5.

**Grants**

6(1) Subject to subsection (2), the grant payable to a school system under this Act is the amount by which the recognized expenditure of the school system determined under section 3 exceeds the local revenue of the school system computed under section 5.

(2) Subject to section 10, the minister may prescribe the minimum amount or the maximum amount of any grant or grants to be paid under this section.

1970, c.22, s.6; R.S.S. 1978, c.F-20, s.6.

**Minister may require certain reports, etc.**

7 To provide for the proper administration of this Act:

- (a) the minister may require from each school system such forms, statements, reports or information as he may deem necessary in such form and at such times as he may prescribe;
- (b) the minister may require from any municipality that is included in whole or in part in a school system a certified statement setting out information respecting the assessment of the municipality or portion thereof that is included in the school system and the clerk, secretary treasurer or secretary, as the case may be, of the municipality shall supply the statement in such form and at such times as may be required.

1970, c.22, s.7; R.S.S. 1978, c.F-20, s.7.

**Penalty for failure to supply information, etc.**

8 Where a school system fails to comply with a request of the minister made under clause (a) of section 7 the minister may withhold or cancel the grant payable under this Act to the school system.

1970, c.22, s.8; R.S.S. 1978, c.F-20, s.8.

**Conditions for payment of grants**

**9** The grants provided for in this Act are payable subject to the conditions that the school system is organized, operated and maintained in accordance with *The School Act*, *The Secondary Education Act*, *The Larger School Units Act* or *The Vocational Education Act*, whichever is applicable, and in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Education.

1970, c.22, s.9; R.S.S. 1978, c.F-20, s.9.

**Power to increase grants and make special grants**

**10** Out of moneys available for education, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may, either unconditionally or upon terms and conditions that may be specified in the order, on the recommendation of the minister, order the payment of an increase in any grant payable under this Act and the payment of a special grant, for any purpose whatever designated in the order, to any school system or to any group of school systems and the payment of a special grant for any educational purpose.

1970, c.22, s.10; R.S.S. 1978, c.F-20, s.10.

**Regulations**

**11** For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act according to their intent, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations that are ancillary thereto and are not inconsistent therewith; and every regulation made under and in accordance with the authority granted by this section has the force of law.

1970, c.22, s.11; R.S.S. 1978, c.F-20, s.11.

**Appropriation**

**12** Sums required for the purposes of this Act may be paid out of moneys appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose.

1970, c.22, s.12; R.S.S. 1978, c.F-20, s.12.

