

# *The Government Relations Administration Act*

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[Chapter G-5.101\\*](#) of *The Statutes of Saskatchewan, 2015* (effective May 14, 2015) as amended by the *Statutes of Saskatchewan, 2017, c.E-4.01*.

**\*NOTE:** Pursuant to subsection 33(1) of *The Interpretation Act, 1995*, the Consequential Amendment sections, schedules and/or tables within this Act have been removed. Upon coming into force, the consequential amendments contained in those sections became part of the enactment(s) that they amend, and have thereby been incorporated into the corresponding Acts. Please refer to the Separate Chapter to obtain consequential amendment details and specifics.

## **NOTE:**

This consolidation is not official and is subject to House amendments and Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel changes to Separate Chapters that may be incorporated up until the publication of the annual bound volume. Amendments have been incorporated for convenience of reference and the official Statutes and Regulations should be consulted for all purposes of interpretation and application of the law. In order to preserve the integrity of the official Statutes and Regulations, errors that may have appeared are reproduced in this consolidation.

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## CHAPTER G-5.101

### An Act respecting Government Relations and making consequential amendments to certain Acts

#### Short title

1 This Act may be cited as *The Government Relations Administration Act*.

#### Interpretation

2 In this Act:

- (a) “**minister**” means the member of the Executive Council to whom for the time being the administration of this Act is assigned;
- (b) “**ministry**” means the ministry over which the minister presides.

2015, c.G-5.101, s.2.

#### Responsibilities of the minister

3(1) The minister is responsible for all matters not by law assigned to any other minister, ministry or agency of the Government of Saskatchewan relating to municipalities, municipal governance and administration and matters of an intermunicipal nature, including:

- (a) coordinating, developing, implementing, evaluating and promoting policies, programs and procedures that support accountable and responsible municipal governments;
- (b) providing financial, administrative, technical and other support services;
- (c) providing for the establishment and supervision of training courses for employees, administrators or elected officials of municipalities;
- (d) coordinating and carrying out plans, programs, services and projects that involve one or more other ministries of the Government of Saskatchewan or one or more jurisdictions other than Saskatchewan;
- (e) cooperating with other public and private organizations or agencies to achieve measures that respond to and improve growth and development in municipalities;
- (f) conducting research and collecting, organizing and disseminating information and statistics; and
- (g) coordinating, developing, implementing, evaluating and promoting policies, programs and procedures with respect to the assessment and taxation of property and the levying, collection and remittance to the Government of Saskatchewan of education property taxes in municipalities.

(2) The minister is responsible for all matters not assigned by law to any other minister, ministry or agency of the Government of Saskatchewan relating to affairs in northern Saskatchewan, including:

- (a) coordinating, developing, implementing, evaluating and promoting measures that foster and advance the development of northern Saskatchewan;
- (b) participating in planning, issue identification and analysis, policy formulation and review and development of the strategy of the Government of Saskatchewan respecting issues affecting northern Saskatchewan;
- (c) coordinating and carrying out plans, programs, services and projects that involve one or more other ministries of the Government of Saskatchewan or one or more jurisdictions other than Saskatchewan;
- (d) cooperating with other public and private organizations or agencies to achieve measures that respond to and improve growth and development in northern Saskatchewan; and
- (e) conducting research and collecting, organizing and disseminating information and statistics.

(3) The minister is responsible for all matters not assigned by law to any other minister, ministry or agency of the Government of Saskatchewan relating to public safety, emergencies and emergency management in Saskatchewan, including:

- (a) coordinating, developing, implementing, evaluating, promoting and enhancing policies, programs, procedures and standards related to:
  - (i) the safety of the public;
  - (ii) emergency planning; or
  - (iii) emergency management;
- (b) cooperating with other public and private organizations or agencies to achieve measures to improve public safety, responses to emergencies and emergency management;
- (c) providing technical advice and other support services;
- (d) providing for the establishment and supervision of training courses;
- (e) conducting research and collecting, organizing and disseminating information and statistics; and
- (f) coordinating, developing, implementing, evaluating and promoting communication services to be used in emergency circumstances, including emergency call receiving and dispatching and other related services.

(4) The minister is responsible for all matters not assigned by law to any other minister, ministry or agency of the Government of Saskatchewan relating to First Nation and Métis relations, including coordinating, managing and implementing policies and programs of the Government of Saskatchewan affecting First Nation and Métis peoples.

**Retention and payment of moneys otherwise payable to a municipality**

- 4(1) The minister may act pursuant to subsection (2) if a municipality:
- (a) has failed to levy or collect separate school division taxes within the meaning of *The Education Property Tax Act* as required by that Act;
  - (b) has failed to pay separate school division taxes within the meaning of *The Education Property Tax Act* that were levied or collected as required by that Act.
- (2) In the circumstances mentioned in subsection (1) and notwithstanding any other Act or law, the minister may, with respect to separate school division taxes within the meaning of *The Education Property Tax Act*, retain from moneys otherwise due or payable to the municipality by the minister pursuant to an Act for which the minister is responsible an amount equal to the amount of taxes that are required to be levied, collected or paid.
- (3) At least 60 days before taking action pursuant to this section, the minister shall:
- (a) notify the municipality in writing that the minister intends to act pursuant to this section; and
  - (b) in the written notice, give reasons for the intended action.
- (4) The minister shall give the municipality mentioned in subsection (1) an opportunity to make written representations, within 30 days after receiving the written notice pursuant to subsection (3), respecting why the minister should not take the intended action.
- (5) After considering any written representations submitted by the municipality, the minister may:
- (a) decide to take the intended action;
  - (b) decide not to take the intended action.
- (6) The minister shall notify the municipality of the minister's decision, with reasons, pursuant to subsection (5).
- (7) Treasury Board may make any orders and issue any directives with respect to the exercise of the minister's powers pursuant to this section.
- (8) This section applies to any separate school division tax, within the meaning of *The Education Property Tax Act*, that is or ought to have been or is to be levied, collected or paid before, on or after the coming into force of this section.
- (9) The minister may pay any amount retained pursuant to this section to the board of education of a separate school division that is owed the separate school division taxes mentioned in subsection (1).

## REPEALS

S.S. 1983-84, c.N-5.01

**5** *The Northern Affairs Act* is repealed.

2015, c.G-5.101, s.5.

S.S. 1979-80, c.R-23.02 repealed

**6** *The Rural Affairs Act* is repealed.

2015, c.G-5.101, s.6.

S.S. 1986-87-88, c.R-23.1 repealed

**7** *The Rural Development Act* is repealed.

2015, c.G-5.101, s.7.

S.S. 1979-80, c.U-8.01 repealed

**8** *The Urban Affairs Act* is repealed.

2015, c.G-5.101, s.8.

## CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

**9 to 12** **Dispensed.** These sections make consequential amendments to other Acts. The amendments have been incorporated into the corresponding Acts.

## COMING INTO FORCE

Coming into force

**13** This Act comes into force on assent.

2015, c.G-5.101, s.13.