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**BILL NO. 101**

**Well-being Measurement Act**

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PRIVATE MEMBER'S BILL

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**Well-being Measurement Act**

BE IT ENACTED by the Lieutenant Governor and the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Prince Edward Island as follows:

**1. In this Act,**

- (a) “management committee” means the management committee established pursuant to subsection 3(1);
- (b) “Minister” means the Minister of Finance;
- (c) “Standing Committee” means the Standing Committee on Public Accounts of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island.

Definitions

management committee

Minister

Standing Committee

**2. (1)** The Standing Committee shall carry out a study to assist it to make recommendations respecting the definition, development and periodic publication of a set of indicators of the economic, social and environmental well-being of people, communities and ecosystems in the province.

Standing Committee to carry out study

(2) The set of indicators shall include indicators that are specific to single aspects of well-being and one or more composite indices calculated from a number of the specific indicators.

Indicators

- (3) In carrying out the study, the Standing Committee shall
  - (a) receive input from the public through submissions and public hearings; and
  - (b) seek information and advice from individuals and organizations in Canada, this province and other provinces and from international agencies that have expertise in the measurement of the well-being of people, communities and ecosystems.

Nature of the study

(4) The Standing Committee shall prepare recommendations with respect to

Recommendations

- (a) the broad societal values on which the set of indicators should be based;
- (b) how, and under whose authority, the development and publication of the set of indicators should be organized and managed and, in particular,
  - (i) how the Minister should participate in the direction of the development and publication of the set of indicators, and
  - (ii) whether an advisory committee consisting of members of the general public, including persons with expertise in economic, social, environmental and statistical matters, should be created to

advise, on a continuing basis, on the development, calculation and publication of the set of indicators, and on the manner in which such a committee should function;

- (c) the role of the Government of Prince Edward Island in the development and publication of the set of indicators;
- (d) whether further legislation is advisable to govern the development and publication of the set of indicators; and
- (e) other aspects of the definition, development and publication of the set of indicators.

Report to Assembly	(5) The Standing Committee shall report its recommendations to the Legislative Assembly on the matters set out in subsection (4) no later than the third day on which the Legislative Assembly sits following the expiry of twelve months after the coming into force of this Act.
Management committee	<b>3.</b> (1) If the Legislative Assembly adopts the report of the Standing Committee, as presented by the Standing Committee or as amended by the Legislative Assembly, the Minister shall establish a management committee consisting of the Minister and such other members as the Minister appoints.
Duties of the management committee	(2) The management committee shall direct the development and publication of the set of indicators in accordance with the report of the Standing Committee, as adopted.
Communication of set of indicators	(3) The management committee shall ensure that the set of indicators is <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) published annually, in the Royal Gazette and in at least one daily newspaper published in the province, subject to any requirement in the report of the Standing Committee, as adopted, that the set of indicators be published more frequently; and</li> <li>(b) made available to the public, in both physical and electronic form, in the manner determined by the management committee.</li> </ul>
Publication by Minister	<b>4.</b> If the Legislative Assembly adopts the report of the Standing Committee, the Minister shall publish in the Royal Gazette and in at least one daily newspaper published in the province <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the specific indicators and composite indices that have been calculated, within the first year after the date the report is adopted and again within the following year; and</li> <li>(b) a summary of all actions taken pursuant to this Act, within three years after the date the report is adopted.</li> </ul>
Annual report to Assembly	<b>5.</b> (1) The Minister shall prepare and submit to the Legislative Assembly an annual report analyzing and evaluating the current well-being of the people, communities and ecosystems in the province in accordance with the specific indicators and composite indices published pursuant to clause 4(a).

(2) The Minister shall submit the first annual report under subsection (1) within 90 days of the date of the first publication of the specific indicators and composite indices pursuant to clause 4(a). *First report timeline*

**6.** (1) The moneys required for the purposes of this Act shall be paid out of moneys appropriated by the Legislature for those purposes. *Appropriation*

(2) The duties of the Standing Committee, the Minister and the management committee under this Act are subject to subsection (1). *Idem*

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

**SECTION 1** defines terms used in this Act.

**SECTION 2** requires the Standing Committee on Public Accounts to study and make recommendations respecting the definition, development and publication of a set of indicators of the economic, social and environmental well-being of people, communities and ecosystems in PEI.

It sets out requirements respecting the indicators and the nature of the study conducted by the Standing Committee. It sets out matters on which the Standing Committee shall make recommendations and when the Standing Committee shall report its recommendations to the Legislative Assembly.

**SECTION 3** requires the Legislative Assembly to appoint a management committee, if the Assembly adopts the report of the Standing Committee. The management committee is responsible to direct the development and publication of the set of indicators in accordance with the report and the requirements of the section.

**SECTION 4** sets out publication requirements for the Minister with respect to specific indicators and composite indices, as well as a summary of action taken pursuant to this Act.

**SECTION 5** requires the Minister to prepare and submit an annual report to the Legislative Assembly and sets out the timelines during which the first annual report shall be submitted.

**SECTION 6** states that moneys requires for the purposes of this Act shall be paid out of moneys appropriated for those purposes and the duties of those involved in the Act are subject to such appropriations.

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