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There is much depth and change in Bill 143. It repeals the *Day Nurseries Act* and amends the *Early Childhood Educators Act* and the *Education Act* in ways good and bad.

The duty of school boards to ensure extended day programs has been expanded to include children in Grades 1 through 6. The Education Act now only addresses extended day in schools with full day kindergarten. The down side is it retains the silly proviso that extended day need only operate on official school days, leaving kids and families to fend on off days. A second downer is school boards are no longer required to step in if an external extended day operator folds. That responsibility is passed onto the ministry to work out alternatives with parents.

The provincial director must consult with regional service managers before issuing new licenses and the ability to refuse a license expands beyond failure to meet minimum standards. For example the CMSM may recommend a refusal because the proposed program does not fit with the local services plan or endangers the stability of existing services. This may be one way to curtail the expansion of corporate child care.

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