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Amendments to clarify the role of the Education Appeal Tribunal passed

WHITEHORSE—Amendments to the *Education Act* to clarify the original intent of the legislation about the role and responsibilities of the Education Appeal Tribunal were passed in the Legislative Assembly this week.

"These minor amendments ensure that the language that defines the legal authority of the Education Appeal Tribunal is clear," Minister of Education Doug Graham said. "The changes will provide certainty to parents and to the Tribunal concerning its powers under the act."

The Education Appeal Tribunal is one of the mechanisms for appeals on education-related decisions under the *Education Act*. The amendments clarify the intended scope of powers for the Education Appeal Tribunal to hear appeals relating to four areas:

- Students with special needs;
- student records;
- student suspension decisions; and
- the minister's rejection of a proposal for a locally developed course of study.

The amendments do not remove any of the powers that the Education Act grants to the Education Appeal Tribunal; they clarify what those legislated powers are.

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