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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
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**COMITÉ PERMANENT DE  
LA POLITIQUE SOCIALE**

Monday 29 May 2023

Lundi 29 mai 2023

*The committee met at 0900 in committee room 2.*

**BETTER SCHOOLS AND STUDENT  
OUTCOMES ACT, 2023**

**LOI DE 2023 SUR L'AMÉLIORATION  
DES ÉCOLES ET DU RENDEMENT  
DES ÉLÈVES**

Consideration of the following bill:

Bill 98, An Act to amend various Acts relating to education and child care / Projet de loi 98, Loi modifiant diverses lois en ce qui concerne l'éducation et la garde d'enfants.

**The Chair (Mr. Brian Riddell):** Good morning, everyone. The Standing Committee on Social Policy will now come to order. We are joined today by staff from Hansard and by Catherine Oh from the Office of Legislative Counsel.

We're meeting to consider Bill 98, An Act to amend various Acts relating to education and child care, and the preamble to the bill in order to complete clause-by-clause consideration. After considering the preamble, I will put the question on the bill as a whole. After that, I will put the question on reporting the bill back to the House.

We will now consider the preamble to Bill 98. Is there any debate? I recognize MPP Gélinas.

**M<sup>me</sup> France Gélinas:** Thank you, Chair. You have seen by the dozens and dozens of amendments that we have put to Bill 98 that there are some concerns. There continue to be some serious concerns from the francophone community about this bill. I was pleased to hear some of the MPPs state clearly what they intend to do; the writing in the bill would allow them to do what they intend to do but would allow them to do a whole lot of other things that would be very detrimental to the teaching of francophone communities.

There were other areas of the bill that were also of concern to us. For those reasons, we won't be able to support the preamble to the bill.

**The Chair (Mr. Brian Riddell):** Further debate? Ready to vote? Shall the preamble to the bill carry?

**M<sup>me</sup> France Gélinas:** Recorded vote.

**Ayes**

Barnes, Gallagher Murphy, Jordan, Martin, Pierre, Quinn, Wai.

**Nays**

Gates, Gélinas.

**The Chair (Mr. Brian Riddell):** The motion is carried. We are now considering Bill 98, as amended. Are members ready to vote? Shall Bill 98, as amended, carry?

**M<sup>me</sup> France Gélinas:** Recorded vote.

**Ayes**

Barnes, Gallagher Murphy, Jordan, Martin, Pierre, Quinn, Wai.

**Nays**

Gates, Gélinas.

**The Chair (Mr. Brian Riddell):** The bill is carried. Shall I report the bill, as amended, to the House? Are members ready to vote? All those in favour?

**Mr. Wayne Gates:** Recorded.

**Ayes**

Barnes, Gallagher Murphy, Jordan, Martin, Pierre, Quinn, Wai.

**Nays**

Gates, Gélinas.

**The Chair (Mr. Brian Riddell):** Carried. Thank you, everyone. That concludes clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 98 and our business for today.

The committee is now adjourned until 9 a.m. on Monday, June 5, 2023, for consideration of estimates.

*The committee adjourned at 0904.*





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