Human Resources Legislative Update

Ontario's Full-Day Learning Legislation Receives Royal Assent

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On May 18, 2010, Bill 242, the *Full-Day Early Learning Statute Amendment Act, 2010* received Royal Assent and is expected to come into force on a date to be named by proclamation. Chapter Number: S.O.2010 C.10.

As reported, Bill 242 carried at Third Reading on April 27, 2010. It amends provisions of the Education Act and related statutes to give effect to the government's Early Learning Program (ELP) in September of 2010, as reported in our *FTR Now* of January 12, 2010. The amendments outline the operation of junior kindergarten and kindergarten on a full day basis; the operation of extended day programs outside the hours of junior kindergarten and kindergarten; and the appointment of early childhood educators to positions in junior kindergarten and kindergarten and extended day programs.

First introduced February 17, 2010, Bill 242 was later amended by the Standing Committee on Social Policy.