Human Resources Legislative Update

Regulatory Changes to 2013-2014 Professional Activity Days Filed under *Education Act*

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On January 21, 2013, the Ontario government filed O. Reg. 13/13, amending Regulation 304, School Year Calendar, Professional Activity Days, made under the Education Act.

Among other things, O. Reg. 13/13 amends subsection 2(3.1) (requirement that every school year shall include a minimum of 194 school days as designated) to add that for the school year 2013-2014 the days shall be designated as follows:

- five days shall be designated by the board to be professional activity days;
- in addition to the five designated days, one day may be designated as a professional activity day (in which case some of those activities shall relate to curriculum development, implementation and review);
- any school days not designated as either of the above shall be instructional days.

The Regulation also amends section 4.1 of Regulation 304 to provide that for two of the professional activity days for the school year 2013-2014, the board must prepare an agenda containing certain prescribed information and at least 10 school days before the scheduled professional activity day, must make that agenda available through prescribed means.

The Regulation came into effect on the day it was filed.