

Institute of Education Bill

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An Act to provide for the establishment of the Institute of Education and for matters connected therewith.

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows: —

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Institute of Education Act, 1970, and shall come into

operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Board” means the Board of Studies established under section 9 of this Act;

“Director” means the Director appointed under section 8 of this Act;

“Chairman” means the Chairman of the Council appointed under section 5 of this Act;

“Council” means the Council constituted under section 5 of this Act;

“financial year” means a period of twelve months beginning on the 1st day of April in any year except that for the year 1970, the financial year shall mean the period between the date of the establishment of the Institute and the 31st day of March 1971;

“Institute” means the Institute of Education established under section 3 of this Act.

Establishment of the Institute

3.—(1) There shall be established a body to be known as the “Institute of Education” which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to sue and be sued in its corporate name, and to perform such other acts as bodies corporate may by law perform, and to exercise such other powers as are conferred under or by virtue of this Act.

(2) The Institute shall consist of a Council and a Board of Studies.

Objects of the Institute

4.—(1) The objects of the Institute shall be —

- (a) the provision of courses of study for the training of teachers in the various fields of education at all levels;
- (b) the establishment of such facilities as the Institute considers desirable for the provision of such courses of study in Singapore; and
- (c) the promotion of research in the various fields of education for teachers.

(2) For the purpose of carrying out the objects set out in subsection (1) of this section, the Institute may —

- (a) provide for the examination, from time to time, of students or other persons and to confer degrees and diplomas and grant certificates to

successful candidates, and provide for the registration of the holders of such certificates;

- (b) provide for the delivery and holding of lectures, and the holding of exhibitions, public meetings, classes and conferences calculated, directly or indirectly, to serve the cause of education whether general, professional, scientific or technical;
- (c) institute chairs, professorships, lectureships and other posts and offices and make appointments thereto;
- (d) establish, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories, museums, lecture halls, reading and writing rooms, halls of residence and all other buildings which may be required for the purposes of the Institute;
- (e) institute and award fellowships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals, prizes and other titles and distinctions, awards and forms of assistance towards the advancement and dissemination of knowledge;
- (f) administer the property vested in the Institute by section 20 of this Act and carry on, build and maintain the Institute with all necessary buildings and equipment;
- (g) with the approval of the Minister, acquire, purchase, lease, take, hold and enjoy movable and immovable property of every description and sell, convey, assign, surrender and yield up, mortgage, demise, re-assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of any movable or immovable property vested in the Institute upon such terms as the Institute may think fit;
- (h) develop any immovable property acquired by the Institute or in which it is interested, and in particular lay out and prepare land for building purposes, construct, alter, pull down, decorate, maintain, fit up, and improve buildings and plant, pave, drain, farm, cultivate land and let it on building lease or building agreement and advance money to and enter into contracts and arrangements of all kinds with builders and other persons;
- (i) establish or assist in the establishment and support of associations, institutions, pension schemes or superannuation or provident fund schemes and trusts calculated to benefit officials, teachers, staff and students and former teachers or staff of the Institute, or the dependents of such persons, and grant pensions and allowances, and make payments towards insurance, and to subscribe or guarantee money for charitable or benevolent objects, or for any exhibition or for any public, general or useful object;
- (j) solicit and accept and receive subscriptions, donations, devises and bequests (whether of movable or immovable property and whether

absolute or conditional) for the general purposes of the Institute or for any special purpose of the Institute or subject to any trust;

- (k) enter into contracts and appoint such staff as may be required for the purposes of the Institute;
- (l) regulate and provide for the residence of officials, teachers, staff and students of the Institute and the welfare and discipline of officials, teachers, staff and students;
- (m) demand and receive such fees as may from time to time be prescribed;
- (n) raise money for any of the above purposes or other purposes of the Institute by mortgaging any or all of the property of the Institute; and
- (o) do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of its objects.

Constitution of the Council

5.—(1) The management of the Institute and of its properties and affairs shall be vested in the Council consisting of —

- (a) a Chairman to be appointed by the Minister;
- (b) the Director;
- (c) two members, who are on the full-time staff of the Institute, to be appointed by the Board;
- (d) four members to be appointed by the Minister to represent the Government;
- (e) one member to be appointed by the Minister to represent the University of Singapore;
- (f) one member to be appointed by the Minister to represent the Nanyang University;
- (g) one member to be appointed by the Minister to represent the Ngee Ann Technical College; and
- (h) three members to be appointed by the Minister to represent professional bodies and organisations.

(2) The members of the Council, other than the Chairman, shall, unless their appointment is revoked under the provisions of subsection (5) or (6) of this section, or unless they resign during their period of office, hold office for a period of three years.