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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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**CHILD WELFARE AMENDMENT ACT, 1993
(NO. 1)**

MS HANSON

First Reading

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

Third Reading

Royal Assent

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(Assented to , 1993)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the
Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

- 1 *The Child Welfare Act is amended by this Act.*
- 2 *Section 2 is amended*
 - (a) *in clause (c) by striking out "the least invasion of its privacy and interference with its freedom that is compatible with its own interest, the interest of individual family members and society" and substituting "to a level of freedom that is compatible with its own interest, the interest of the individual family member, society and the best interest of the child";*
 - (b) *in clause (e)(ii) by striking out "other less intrusive measures are not sufficient" and substituting "it is necessary".*
- 3 *Section 3(1) is amended by adding "and a peace officer" after "director".*

Explanatory Notes

1 Amends chapter C-8.1 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 1980.

2 Section 2(c) presently reads:

2 A Court and all persons shall exercise any authority or make any decision relating to a child who is in need of protective services under this Act in the best interests of the child and in doing so shall consider the following as well as any other relevant matter:

(c) the family has the right to the least invasion of its privacy and interference with its freedom that is compatible with its own interest, the interest of the individual family members and society;

3 Section 2(c)(ii) presently reads:

(e) the family is responsible for the care and supervision of its children and every child should have an opportunity to be a wanted and valued member of a family, and to that end

(ii) a child should be removed from the family only when other less intrusive measures are not sufficient to protect the survival, security or development of the child;

4 Section 3(1) presently reads:

3(1) Any person who has reasonable and probable grounds to believe and believes that a child is in need of protective services shall forthwith report the matter to a director.