



IN Response

The Alberta Teachers' Association

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To Bill 15—the *Education (Reforming Teacher Profession Discipline) Amendment Act*

Key Message **Bill 15 is an attack on teachers and the profession, which will have harmful implications for public education.**

- Talking Points**
- The Association has a firm, but fair process that has successfully and effectively handled teacher discipline in this province for over 85 years. The ATA has always taken this work very seriously and acted with integrity.
 - The minister's plan is to deprofessionalise teachers and will destabilize one of the best performing public education systems in the world.
 - Bill 15 is a massive power grab for the minister and for the government: she determines the commissioner, hearing panel members and the code of conduct, then she can completely ignore the outcome at her whim.
 - Bill 15 completely removes the notion of self-regulation for the teaching profession. Self-regulation is a hallmark of professionalism and every other profession in Alberta enjoys it.
 - The government is adopting the BC model for regulating teachers. BC is the only province that uses this model and they have notoriously bad relations in the education sector.

Key Impression The public should have confidence in the ATA's work on professional discipline; this bill is a politically motivated attack on teachers.