ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

1. Short Title
2. Interpretation
3. Amendment of section 9 of principal Act
4. Amendment of section 132 of principal Act
5. Insertion of new section in the principal Act

[14th September, 2012].

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’s Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Representatives and by the authority of the same as follows–

1. This Act may be cited as the–

   EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2012.

2. In this Act–

3. Section 9(1) of the principal Act is amended by—

(a) deleting subparagraph (a) and substituting with the following sub-paragraph—

“(a) the principal of the T.A. Marryshow Community College or his or her representative who shall represent tertiary education institutions”;

(b) deleting paragraph (d) and substituting with the following sub-paragraph—

“(d) one representative of the Grenada Conference of Churches;”;

(c) deleting paragraph (e) and substituting with the following sub-paragraph—

“(e) Five members appointed by the Minister on the nomination of the Grenada Chamber of Commerce in which—

(i) one member represents the Employers’ Federation; and

(ii) four members represent the Tourism, Construction, Banking and Administration, and small business sectors respectively;”;

(d) deleting paragraph (f) and substituting with the following sub-paragraph—
“(f) a member appointed by the Minister, on the nomination of the Council on Early Childhood Education;”;

e) deleting paragraph (i) and substituting with the following sub-paragraph–

“(i) a member appointed by the Minister, that member being either a representative of the Council on Special Education or a member nominated by the Grenada National Council for the Disabled;”;

(f) deleting paragraph (j) and substituting with the following sub-paragraph–

“(j) the Permanent Secretary or a senior technical officer of the Ministry of Environment;”;

(g) inserting after paragraph (j), the following sub-paragraphs–

(i) “(ja) the President of the Grenada Association of Professional Social Workers or his or her nominee who must hold the qualification of at least an undergraduate degree;” and

(ii) “(jb) the Chief Executive Officer of the National Training Agency under the Grenada Council for Technical and Vocational Training Agency Act No. 9 of 2009.”
4. Section 132 of the principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after sub-section (2), the following sub-section—

“(2a) Where a report of misconduct is made against a teacher or a principal, and such conduct involves misconduct of a sexual nature between the teacher or the principal and a student, the following emergency measures shall be taken by the Ministry of Education and the Public Service Commission—

(i) the Chief Education Officer shall notify the Public Service Commission immediately after receiving a report provided by the relevant school and parent(s) of the child; and

(ii) the Public Service Commission may, within one week of receiving such notification, place the teacher or the principal on a temporary leave of absence from his or her duties with pay, for the duration of both a preliminary investigation under section 133 and a pending disciplinary enquiry under section 134, the total period of leave of absence not exceeding 60 working days.”

5. The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 179, the following new section—

“179A. An educational institution under Parts IV, V and VI of this Act shall, where applicable, apply
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for a certificate of accreditation pursuant to the provisions of the Accreditation Act No. 15 of 2011.”

Passed by the House of Representatives this 20th day of July, 2012.

RAPHAEL DONALD
 Acting Clerk to the House of Representatives.

Passed in the Senate this 31st day of July, 2012.

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 Acting Clerk to the Senate.