

Law 5128/2024 (articles 50, 54) “Provisions on the Digital Education Portal and the Digital Tutoring Platform, career guidance in secondary education, measures to support the education system in remote areas, and other provisions of the Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports”

Article 50

Educational Material for the Clergy Candidate Apprenticeship Schools-Amendment to paragraph 2 of article 143 of Law 4823/2021

In paragraph 2 of article 143 of Law 4823/2021 (A' 136), concerning the educational programs of the Clergy Candidate Apprenticeship Schools, a third subparagraph is added, and paragraph 2 is hereby amended as follows:

“2. The theoretical courses include: (a) common compulsory courses relating to the principles of the rule of law, the functioning of the Public Administration, and the exercise of administrative duties in Parishes, (b) common compulsory courses relating to the liturgical work of the spiritual/religious minister and the exercise of priestly duties, and (c) elective courses relating to the teaching role of the religious minister/pastor, which may vary among the Clergy Candidate Apprenticeship Schools in terms of title, content or number of teaching hours, without, however, changing the total number of teaching hours prescribed by the curriculum. The educational and teaching material for the theoretical courses of the Clergy Candidate Apprenticeship Schools is developed by the Institute of Educational Policy and distributed electronically or in printed form by the Computer Technology Institute and Press ‘DIOFANTOS’, following the approval of the Supervisory Council for Ecclesiastical Education. If, by June 30 of each year, the preparation of the teaching and, in general, educational material has not been completed by the Institution of Educational Policy, or if, for any other reason, it is not possible to distribute this material prepared by the Institute of Educational Policy for one or more courses, the Supervisory Council for Ecclesiastical Education, without any further prior opinion or proposal, selects, at its discretion, the appropriate teaching and, in general, educational material, which is distributed free of charge to the students.”

Article 54

Funding of the Clergy Candidate Apprenticeship Schools-Compensation for examiners-Amendment to article 154 of Law 4823/2021

Article 154 of Law 4823/2021 (A' 136), concerning the funding of the Clergy Candidate Apprenticeship Schools, is amended as follows: (a) the first sentence is replaced, (b) in the second sentence, after the words “Rizarios Ecclesiastical School”, the words “except for expenses relating to the admission of students and the compensation of examiners” and before the word “institution”, the word “above” is added, and article 154 is hereby amended as follows:

Article 154

Funding of the Clergy Candidate Apprenticeship Schools

The operating expenses, the routine maintenance costs for the buildings in which the Clergy Candidate Apprenticeship Schools operate, the costs of teaching and, in general, educational material and equipment, as well as the costs incurred by the admission process for students,

including the compensation for examiners, shall be borne by the Regular Budget of the Regional Directorates of Primary and Secondary Education to which they are geographically assigned, or the Public Investment Program of the Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports. The expenses referred to in the first sentence for the Clergy Candidate Apprenticeship School of the Rizarios Ecclesiastical School, excluding expenses for the admission of students and the compensation of examiners, shall be borne by the annual budget of the aforementioned institution.