States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Amendment Bill 1987

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House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. John Dawkins, M.P., Minister Representing the Minister for Education

Digest of Bill

Purpose
To amend the States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Act 1984 (the Principal Act) to adjust grants for cost increases.

Background
Funding is made available to the States and Northern Territory under the Principal Act for universities, colleges of advanced education (CAEs), and technical and further education institutions. The Principal Act provides for recurrent, capital and equipment grants which are based on the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission’s programs for the 1984-87 triennium. Under the funding arrangements, retrospective supplementary grants are made to cover cost increases in the programs.

Main Provisions

Section 7 of the Principal Act provides for grants for equal opportunity programs. Clause 3 will increase the level of such grants for 1987 by $26,000 to $1.209 million.

Grants to institutions to promote Aboriginal participation in tertiary education in 1987 will be decreased by $113,730 to $5.11427 million (clause 4 which will amend section 8 of the Principal Act).

Certain students at tertiary institutions are eligible for special assistance (section 9 of the Principal Act). Clause 5 will decrease the aggregate amount available for such grants by $81,000 to $11.1965 million.

Section 10 of the Principal Act provides for grants to the States to develop key centres of teaching and research. The amount available for such grants in 1987 will be increased by $26,000 to $1.209 million (clause 6).

Section 11 of the Principal Act provides for assistance to universities and CAEs to meet superannuation expenses. The limit on such grants for 1986 will be increased by $276,000 to $21.794 million and those for 1987 will be increased by $301,000 to $29.564 million (clause 7).

Grants in respect of special research centres in 1987 will be increased by $114,000 to $5.7 million (clause 8 which will amend section 14 of the Principal Act).
Clause 10 will substitute new Schedules into the Principal Act which detail the amounts various institutions will receive.

For further information, if required, contact the Education and Welfare Group.

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