States Grants (Education Assistance-Participation and Equity) Amendment Bill 1987

Date Introduced: 29 April 1987  
House: House of Representatives  
Presented by: Hon. John Dawkins, M.P., Minister Representing the Minister for Education

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Purpose
To amend the States Grants (Education Assistance-Participation and Equity) Act 1983 (the Principal Act) to adjust grants for cost increases.

Background
The Participation and Equity Program (PEP) commenced in 1984 with the aim of encouraging young people over school leaving age to participate in education and training programs at schools and TAFEs. In order to promote equality in education particular attention is paid to disadvantaged students and schools with low retention rates. PEP provides grants to the States and Northern Territory to achieve these aims. The grants are adjusted retrospectively to supplement for cost increases.

Main Provisions
Section 18 of the Principal Act provides a limit on the amount that the Minister may authorise for approved projects and programs (i.e. those that will further the objects of the Principal Act). The limit for 1987 will be increased by $998 000 to $42.241 million (clause 3).

The limit on grants for projects or programs of national significance will be increased by $8000 to $353 000 (clause 4 which will amend section 21 of the Principal Act).

Section 22A of the Principal Act provides for grants in respect of approved projects related to Aboriginal education while section 22B provides the limit of such grants. The limit for such grants in 1987 will be increased by $37 000 to $649 000 (clause 5 which will amend section 22B of the Principal Act).

Clause 6 will substitute new Schedules into the Principal Act to reflect the increased grants.

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