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House: House of Representatives

Digest of Bill

Purpose
To enable the Canberra College of Advanced Education (CCAE) to charge fees for post-graduate courses. This will perform the same function for the CCAE as the States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Bill 1987 performs in relation to State higher education institutions. The Bill will also exempt certain persons from the education administration charge.

Background
Refer to the Digest for the States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Bill 1987.

Main Provisions
Clause 3 will amend section 25 of the Canberra College of Advanced Education Act 1967 (the Principal Act) to allow fees to be charged for post-graduate courses which have been specified by the Minister on application of the College. Fees may only be charged for people who have earned a living.

Section 25A of the Principal Act provides for the imposition of a higher education administration charge. The section will be amended to exempt from the charge recipients of Commonwealth pensions, benefits or allowances and dependent spouses of persons who are already exempt from the charge. A further amendment to the section will ensure that students are liable for the charge whether they undertake a full course or only part of a course during the year (clause 4).

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

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