States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1987

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House: House of Representatives

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Purpose
To adjust grants to the States and the Northern Territory made in respect of tertiary education, for cost increases. The retrospective cost adjustments reflect cost increases to the end of March 1987 for universities and the end of June 1987 for advanced education and TAFE institutions. (Retrospective cost adjustment is a feature of the 1985-87 triennium grants package.)

Background
The States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Act 1984 (the Principal Act) provides for funding to be made available to the States and the Northern Territory for the funding of tertiary education institutions (e.g. universities, CAE's and TAFE institutions). Grants are supplemented retrospectively for cost increases including wage and salary increases. These arrangements form part of the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission's program for the 1985 to 1987 triennium.

Main Provisions
Clauses 5 to 9 will amend various sections of the Principal Act to increase the funding available certain 'special' programs such as the promotion of equal opportunity and assistance for students.

Clause 10 will amend section 23A of the Principal Act to decrease the funding for traineeship grants from $4 million to $3.72 million.

Clause 12 will substitute new Schedules into the Principal Act which deal with the distribution of funds.

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

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