Overseas Students Charge Amendment Bill 1987

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Digest of Bill

Purpose
To increase the percentage of the cost of providing university, advanced education and TAFE courses that will be met by overseas students enrolling in the 1988 academic year to 55% of the cost. The Bill will also increase the monetary contribution by overseas students enrolled before that date to reflect the increased cost of such education. Their contribution as a percentage of total cost will not be altered.

Background
The percentage of the cost of education paid by overseas students has been increased in recent years. For students that commenced study before 1 January 1986, the charge is approximately 32% of the full cost of the education. The rate rose to 45% for students commencing after that date. This Bill will further increase the recovery percentage and will raise $64.8 million in 1987–88.

Main Provisions
Clause 3, which will amend section 6 of the Overseas Students Charge Act 1979, contains the new charges and reflects both the higher recovery rate for new students and the increased cost of education. For courses of medicine, veterinary science and dentistry (class A courses) commenced before 1 January 1986, the cost will be $4456. For other courses commenced before that date, the cost will be $3663.

For courses commenced between 1 January 1986 and 31 December 1987, the cost for class A courses will be $5999 and $5159 for other courses.

For courses commenced after 1 January 1987, the cost will be $7153 for class A courses and $6313 for other courses.

Costs for TAFE courses will be $593 for courses commenced before 1 January 1987; $833 for commencements between 1 January and 31 December 1987; and $1018 for commencements after that date.

A fee of $328 will apply for secondary education courses commenced after 1 January 1988.