Date Introduced: 9 May 1985
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. John Dawkins, M.P., Minister Representing the Minister for Education

Short Digest of Bill

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 activities in schools and TAFE's. Particular attention is paid to students from disadvantaged backgrounds and schools with low retention rates to foster more equal outcome of education.

PEP provides grants to the States and Northern Territory in order to achieve these aims. The grants are adjusted to reflect past cost increases. This Bill will provide $1.518m to PEP to cover cost increases since the last amending legislation, which was enacted in October 1984.

Main Provisions

Clauses 3, 4 and 5 amend the Principal Act to increase assistance under PEP by $1.518m to $82,403m for 1985.

Clause 6 will amend the Principal Act to allow the Minister to delegate powers, in respect of TAFE, to the Chairman of the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission (CTEC). At present power can be delegated to the Chairman of the TAFE Council or to CTEC.

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