CANBERRA COLLEGE OF ADVANCED EDUCATION AMENDMENT BILL 1984

Date Introduced: 9 May 1984
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. J.S. Dawkins, M.P., Minister Representing the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To amend the Canberra College of Advanced Education Act 1967 in order to remove restrictions on the use of fees collected from students for amenities and services.

Background

The Principal Act was amended in 1979 by the insertion of new sections 23A and 25A. The former provided that fees payable to the College in respect of an organisation of students should be voluntary. Section 25A provided that compulsory fees payable to the College for the provision of amenities and services that were not of an academic nature -

(a) should not be made available to a campus organisation representing students unless the Council of the College was satisfied that the governing body of the organisation was representative of students;

(b) should be for the provision of amenities and services which would directly benefit the College.

The Bill will remove these restrictions by repealing sections 23A and 25A. Policy in respect of these matters will revert to the Council of the College.

The Bill also contains a number of minor amendments to the Act. These include provisions for the -

- removal of sex-discriminatory language from the Act;
enlargement of the Council of the College by the addition of representatives of non-teaching staff and alumni;

- empowering of the College to confer honorary degrees.

Main Provisions

Clause 16 repeals section 23A.

Clause 18 repeals section 25A.

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