Date Introduced: 30 April 1981
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: The Hon. W. Fife, Minister for Education

Purpose

This Bill will amend the States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Act 1978 to adjust 1980 and 1981 grants for cost increases.

Background

The States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Act 1978 provides grants for tertiary education for the 1979-81 triennium. The grants were last adjusted for cost increases in the 1980 Budget sittings. The total amount of cost supplementation to be provided by this Bill is $115m.

The Bill also contains a number of amendments to the Principal Act caused by the restructuring of tertiary education in Tasmania and Victoria, namely:

- the transfer of certain functions from the Tasmanian College of Advanced Education to the University of Tasmania;
- the establishment of the Victorian Post-Secondary Education Commission.

The Bill will also make a number of minor technical amendments to the Principal Act which will not alter the intentions of the original provisions.

Main Provisions

Clauses 4, 11 and 12 insert new sections which will provide additional grants in respect of cost increases for major building projects in universities (new s.11E), colleges of advanced education (new s.21E), and technical and further education (new s.29E) respectively.
Clause 20 substitutes existing Schedules of grants with new Schedules which contain supplementation for cost increases.

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