This Bill will amend the States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Act 1978 to:

a) provide grants for capital and equipment programs in universities and colleges of advanced education (CAEs) in 1981;

b) provide grants for recurrent and capital programs in technical and further education (TAFE) in 1981;

c) adjust 1980 and 1981 recurrent grants for universities and CAEs in respect of cost increases.

The States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Act 1978 provides recurrent grants for universities and CAEs on a triennial basis for the years 1979-81. Capital and equipment grants for universities and CAEs, and recurrent and capital grants for TAFE are provided annually through amendments to the Act.

In May 1980 the Minister for Education announced guidelines for the Tertiary Education Commission for 1981 expenditure programs. The Commission reported its financial recommendations in accordance with the guidelines in July. The Government has accepted the recommendations and this Bill will give effect to that decision.

Clause 27 amends the Act to insert new schedules in the Act which will provide for the following new grants in 1981.
Universities - grants for equipment (Schedule 4 - s.8) $30,032,000
Universities - grants for specified equipment (Schedule 5 - s.8(5)) 436,000
Universities - grants for specified building projects (Schedule 7B, Part I) 3,854,000
Universities - grants for minor building projects (Schedule 7B, Part II) 5,622,000
Universities - specified design projects (Schedule 7B, Part III) 268,000
CAEs - specified building projects (Schedule 7B, Part VI) 11,203,000
CAEs - minor building projects (Schedule 7B, Part V) 6,261,000
CAEs - specified design projects (Schedule 7B, Part VI) 207,000
TAFE - specified building projects (Schedule 7B, Parts VII, VIII) 97,929,000
CAEs - grants for equipment (Schedule 9 - s.16) 16,409,000
TAFE - general purpose recurrent grants (Schedule 10 - s.24) 48,452,000
TAFE - grants for staff training and data processing (Schedule 11, Part III - s.25) 3,751,000
TAFE - unallocated grant for staff training (Schedule 11, Part IV) 54,000
TAFE - other recurrent grants (Schedule 12 - s.27) 13,699,000
TAFE - adult education programs (Schedule 13 - s.28) 581,000

New schedules 1-3, 6, 7A, 8, 8A, 10-12 adjust previously determined grants for cost increases.

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