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CANBERRA COLLEGE OF ADVANCED EDUCATION AMENDMENT BILL 1979

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House: Senate
Presented by: Sen. Durack, Attorney-General

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To amend the Canberra College of Advanced Education Act 1967 with respect to fees for the provision of amenities and services to students and the compulsory membership of student organisations.

Background

This Bill replaces the Canberra College of Advanced Education Bill which was introduced in November 1978. The main provision of that Bill which has been altered in this Bill is one requiring the governing body of a student organisation which is to have compulsory fees made available to it to have been elected in an election in which not less than 25 per cent of eligible students voted.

Provisions

Clause 5 introduces a new section 23A which provides that a student shall not be penalised for failure to join a student organisation.

Clause 6 introduces new sections 25 and 25A which provide that fees payable to the College in respect of an organisation of students shall be voluntary, and that compulsory fees payable to the College for the provision of amenities and services that are not of an academic nature -

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

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

Clause 6 (new s.25A(6) and (7)) also obliges the Council of the College to prepare an annual financial statement giving details of receipts and expenditure of
compulsory fees.

Clause 8 repeals ss.29 and 30 and inserts new ss.29, 29A and 30. These relate to audit of the accounts of the College, liability for taxation and submission of a financial report to the Minister. The new provisions update the existing Act so that they accord with current Commonwealth practices.