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Presented by: Senator Hon. J.L. Carrick, Minister for Education

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To amend the Australian National University Act 1946 with respect to fees for the provision of amenities and services to students and the compulsory membership of student organisations.

Provisions

Clause 4 amends section 27 of the Principal Act to provide that fees payable to the University in respect of an organisation of students shall be voluntary.

Clause 5 introduces a new section 29A which provides that compulsory fees payable to the University 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 members of its governing body have been elected in an election in which not less than 25 per cent of eligible students voted

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

(c) shall not be paid to any national organisation representing students.

Clause 5 adds a new section 29A which obliges the Council of the University to prepare an annual financial statement giving details of receipts and expenditure of compulsory fees.

Clause 6 introduces a new section 32A which provides that a student shall not be penalised by way of admission or enrolment at a university, for failure to join a student organisation.