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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

THE SENATE

**STUDENT ASSISTANCE (YOUTH TRAINING ALLOWANCE) (TRANSITIONAL
PROVISIONS AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1994**

ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Further Requests for Amendments to be moved on behalf of the Government)

(Circulated by authority of the Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training, the
Honourable Ross Free, MP)



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FURTHER REQUESTS FOR GOVERNMENT AMENDMENTS TO THE *STUDENT ASSISTANCE (YOUTH TRAINING ALLOWANCE - TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1994*

OUTLINE

These Further Requests for Amendments make parallel amendments to the *Social Security Act 1991* to respond to concerns raised by the Senate in relation to two matters during its consideration of the *Student Assistance (Youth Training Allowance) Amendment Bill 1994*:

- by ensuring that a person who has been released from psychiatric confinement after spending at least seven days in confinement will be entitled to a double payment of benefit under section 1161 of the *Social Security Act 1991* provided the person fulfils the other requirements of the provision; and
- by reducing the period a young person will be required to have lived away from home from 26 to 18 weeks to qualify as independent for the purpose of receiving Sickness Allowance under proposed subsection 1067B of the *Social Security Act 1991* to be inserted by Schedule 2 of the Bill.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The amendments will not have a significant financial impact.

NOTES ON AMENDMENTS**Amendment Number 1**

At present section 1161 of the *Social Security Act 1991* makes provision for a person to receive a double payment of youth training allowance when he or she is released from gaol. The amendment would amend the proposed paragraph 124(a) to make provision for a person, who has been released from psychiatric confinement that the person was undergoing for at least 7 days because he or she had been charged with committing an offence, to receive a double payment of youth training allowance provided the other requirements of the section have been fulfilled.

Amendment Number 2

At present proposed subsection 1067B(11) to be inserted by Schedule 2 of the Bill provides that one of the requirements that a person must fulfil to be regarded as independent is that he or she has lived away from home for a continuous period of at least 26 weeks. The amendment would reduce that period to 18 weeks.

