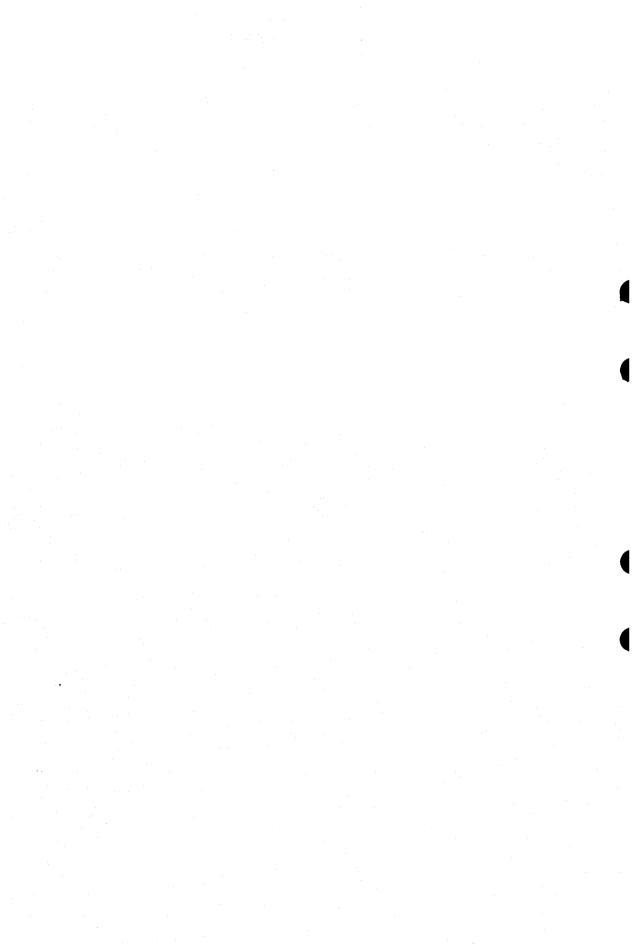
THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

STATES GRANTS (SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 1986

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by authority of the Minister for Education, Senator the Hon. Susan Ryan)



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GENERAL OUTLINE OF BILL

The purpose of the Bill is to supplement existing financial provisions in the legislation for the 1986 calendar year to take into account increases in price levels. Similar amendments are made each Sittings and are part of the commitment by the Government to provide cost supplementation for schools programs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Bill provides an estimated \$23m increase in appropriations for schools programs in 1986, bringing 1986 schools funding to a total of \$1518m, consisting of \$1091m for general recurrent grants, \$218m for capital grants and \$209m for specific purpose grants.

The Bill also provides an estimated \$10m increase for schools programs in 1987 and \$11m in 1988.

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NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1 - title

Clause 2 -	Act to commence upon Royal Assent
Clause 3 -	supplement an existing financial provision to allow for price increase
Clause 4 -	technical drafting matter
Clauses 5 to 9 -	supplement existing financial provisions

Clause 10 - provides that payments (including advances) of grants under the Principal Act are not duplicated by payments under the Principal Act as amended.