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STATES GRANTS (SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE)

AMENDMENT BILL 1988

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by authority of the Minister
for Employment, Education and Training,
the Hon John Dawkins, MP)

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GENERAL OUTLINE OF BILL

The purpose of the Bill, which amends the States Grants (Schools Assistance) Act 1984, is to -

1. Supplement existing financial provisions relating to the 1988 calendar year to take into account increases in price levels.
2. Give effect to Government decisions to modify provisions relating to the eligibility of non-government schools for grants.
3. Change the conditions of eligibility for non-government schools to receive establishment grants.
4. Restrict eligibility for grants under the general education element of the English as a Second Language Program to persons who have permanent residency status in Australia.
5. Amend the definition of "full fee paying private overseas secondary student" so that it applies to part-time students as well as full-time students.
6. Make a number of technical amendments to correct minor drafting and printing errors detected in the States Grants (Schools Assistance) Amendment Act (No. 2) 1987 with effect from the date that that Act received royal Assent.

Financial Impact

The Bill provides an estimated \$21 million increase in appropriations for schools programs in 1988, bringing 1988 schools funding to an estimated total of \$1760 million.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1: Short title

Clause 2: Commencement

Act commences upon Royal Assent except for
Sub-section 5(2) which commences on 16 December 1987.

Clause 3: New non-government systemic schools etc. - 1986 and
subsequent years

Sub-clause 3(a)

Removes the requirement for a school system to notify the Minister of a change in the location of a school where the change is to a location adjacent to the school and where it does not involve a change in the level of education provided. The new provisions will apply to schools seeking approval this year to change their location in 1990.

Sub-clauses 3(b) - 3(e)

Extends the provisional approval period from 1 to 2 years.

Clause 4: New non-government non-systemic schools etc. - 1986
and subsequent years

Sub-clause 4(a)

Removes the requirement for a non-systemic school to notify the Minister of a change in location where the change is to a location adjacent to the school and where it does not involve a change in the level of education provided. The new provisions will apply to schools seeking approval this year to change their location in 1990.

Sub-clauses 4(b) - 4(e)

Extends the provisional approval period from 1 to 2 years.

Clause 5: Amendment of certain provisions of the Principal Act

Sub-clause 5(1)

Amends certain definitions in the Act and certain amounts in the body of the Act in line with movements in price levels.

Sub-clause 5(2)

Corrects minor drafting and printing errors in the States Grants (Schools Assistance) Amendment Act (No. 2) 1987.

Sub-Clause 5(3)

Provides that anything done under the provisions included in sub-clause 5(2) above, before this Bill receives Royal Assent, is deemed to have been legally done.

Clause 6: Amendment of Schedules

Substitutes new financial schedules to provide for increases in price levels.

Clause 7: Payments made before Royal Assent

Provides that payments (including advances) of grants under the Principal Act are not duplicated by payments under the Principal Act as amended.