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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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GENERAL OUTLINE OF BILL

The purpose of this Bill is to amend the States Grants (Education Assistance - Participation and Equity) Act 1983 to supplement for cost increases the grants available to government and non-government education authorities in the States and the Northern Territory to conduct projects and programs under the Participation and Equity Program (PEP) in the years 1986 and 1987 and to allocate 1987 funds among the States, the Northern Territory and education sectors.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial impact of this Bill will be to provide an additional \$0.741 million in 1986 and an additional \$1.476 million in 1987. Total provision is \$43,987,000 for 1986 and \$44,722,000 for 1987.



## NOTES ON CLAUSES

The purposes of the Bill are to supplement for cost increases the grants available to the States and the Northern Territory for the Participation and Equity Program and to allocate 1987 funds among the States, the Northern Territory and the education sectors. These elements are provided for in clauses 13, 15, and 18, and schedules 7 to 12. The other clauses relate to machinery items or consequential amendments.

Clause 1 Short title.

Clause 2 provides that legislation will come into operation on the day on which it receives Royal Assent.

### Government Schools

Clause 3 amends Section 7 of the Act which is concerned with authorization of payments in respect of government schools. The amendment is consequential upon the provision of a new Section 8C (see below) and the repeal of Section 24 by clauses 4 and 16 respectively.

Clause 4 provides a new Section 8C which places a limit on payments to the States and the Northern Territory in respect of government schools projects and programs in 1987 - similar provisions already exist in relation to previous years.

### Non-government Schools

Clauses 5 and 6 amend Sections 10 and 11 of the Act which are concerned with authorization of payments in respect of non-government schools. The amendments are consequential upon the provision of a new Section 12C and the repeal of Section 24 by clauses 7 and 16 respectively.

Clause 7 provides a new Section 12C which places a limit on payments to the States and the Northern Territory in respect of non-government schools projects and programs in 1987.

### TAFE Institutions

Clause 8 amends Section 14 of the Act which is concerned with authorization of payments in respect of technical and further education institutions. The amendment is consequential upon the provision of a new Section 15C and the repeal of Section 24 by clauses 9 and 16 respectively.

Clause 9 provides a new Section 15C which places a limit on payments to the States and the Northern Territory in respect of technical and further education institutions in 1987.

Community Projects

Clause 10 amends Section 17 of the Act which is concerned with authorization of payments in respect of projects and programs which are not conducted by schools or technical and further education institutions. Such projects and programs may be conducted by community organizations and are funded from within the total provided for government schools and technical and further education institutions. The amendment is consequential upon the repeal of Section 24 by clause 16.

Clause 11 amends Section 18 of the Act by cost supplementing the limit for expenditure in 1986 on approved projects and programs conducted outside schools and technical and further education institutions and providing a limit on expenditure in respect of 1987.

Projects of National Significance

Clause 12 amends Section 20 of the Act which is concerned with authorization of payments in respect of projects and programs of national significance. The amendment is consequential upon the repeal of Section 24 by clause 16.

Clause 13 amends Section 21 by cost supplementing the limit for expenditure on approved projects and programs of national significance in 1986 and providing a limit for expenditure in respect of 1987.

Aboriginal Projects

Clause 14 amends Section 22A of the Act which is concerned with authorization of expenditure on approved projects and programs related to Aboriginal education. The amendment is consequential upon the repeal of Section 24 by clause 16.

Clause 15 amends Section 22B by cost supplementing the limit for expenditure on approved projects and programs related to Aboriginal education in 1986 and providing a limit on expenditure for 1987.

General

Clause 16 repeals Section 24. Section 24 provided overall limits on expenditure in respect of each year for which schedules allocating available funds between States and education sectors were not provided. The practice has been to provide in each year, new schedules for the next year. Now that schedules for 1987, the last year of the present Act, have been provided (clause 18), Section 24 is no longer required.

Clause 17 provides for a new Section 25C which allows the Commonwealth Minister, acting on a request from a State Education Minister, to transfer funds provided for 1987 between the government schools sector and the TAFE sector. Existing Sections 25, 25A and 25B have provided for such action in relation to 1984, 1985 and 1986 funds.

Clause 18 provides for new financial schedules which will cost supplement 1986 funds and allocate 1987 funds among the States, the Northern Territory and the education sectors.

Clause 19 provides that payments (including advances) made under the Principal Act shall be deemed to have been made for the purposes of the Principal Act as amended by this Bill.

