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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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**OUTLINE**

The purpose of this Bill is to make provision for supplementation of grants of financial assistance to the States and the Northern Territory for technical and further education for 1989. The Bill also makes provision to include the Australian Capital Territory in line with self government for the Territory and excludes fees payable by overseas students from the condition of financial assistance relating to the charging of student fees.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The States Grants (Technical and Further Education Assistance) Act 1989 appropriated some \$313.152 million (Recurrent \$127.087 and Capital \$186.065) for the funding of technical and further education in the States and the Northern Territory (excluding non-government business colleges).

This Bill increases these appropriations by \$9.562 million to reflect cost movements in non salary related items to December 1988 price levels and salary items to June 1989 price levels and will provide funding for the Australian Capital Territory from 1 July 1989.

## NOTES ON CLAUSES OF THE BILL

### PART 1

### PRELIMINARY

- Clause 1            Short title
- Clause 2            Commencement: The Act comes into operation on Royal Assent
- Clause 3            Interpretation: Defines words and terms used in the Bill, in particular excludes fees payable by overseas students from the definition of 'fees'.
- Clause 4            References to Australian Capital Territory or Northern Territory  
This clause provides for inclusion of the Australian Capital Territory under these funding arrangements
- Clause 5-8          These clauses amend specific provisions of the States Grants (Technical and Further Education Assistance) Act 1989 relating to grants for the TAFE sector to adjust for cost movements and to include funding for the Australian Capital Territory