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STATES GRANTS (EDUCATION ASSISTANCE - PARTICIPATION AND EQUITY) AMENDMENT BILL 1986

Date introduced: 30 April 1986
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. Barry Jones, M.P., Minister for Science

DIGEST OF BILL

Purpose

To amend the States Grants (Education Assistance - Participation and Equity) Act 1983 (the Principal Act) to adjust grants for cost increases.

Background

The Participation and Equity Program (PEP) commenced in 1984 with the aim of encouraging young people over school leaving age to participate in education and training activities in schools and TAFEs. In order to promote equality in education particular attention is paid to students from disadvantaged backgrounds and schools with low retention rates. PEP provides grants to the States and Northern Territory in order to achieve these aims. The grants are adjusted to reflect past cost increases and place limits on the next year's grants.

Main Provisions

Clause 3 will amend section 18 of the Principal Act so as to make the total payments made to schools, TAFEs and other educational institutions in 1986 $39,879,000, an increase of $735,000.

Payments made in support of programs of national significance in 1986 will be limited to $335,000, an increase of $8,000 (clause 4 which will amend section 21(3) of the Principal Act).
Grants for Aboriginal education in 1986 will be increased by clause 5. The amount of payments in sub-section 22B(2) of the Principal Act will be increased by $16 000 to $592 000.

In 1987 the Minister will not be able to make grants under the Principal Act totalling more than $43 246 000, an increase of $823 000 on the limit for 1986 (clause 6 which will amend section 24 of the Principal Act).

Schedules 7, 8 and 9 of the Principal Act will be brought up to date by clause 7 of the Bill.

For further information, if required, contact the Education and Welfare Group.

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