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PARTICIPATION AND EQUITY)

AMENDMENT BILL 1987

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by authority of the Minister representing the
Minister for Education)

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GENERAL OUTLINE

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 1987.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial impact of this Bill will be to provide an additional \$1.097 million in 1987. Total provision for 1987 is \$45.819 million.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1 : Short Title

Clause 2 : Commencement

Cl.2 provides that the amending Act will come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Clause 3 : Limits on grants in respect of 1984, 1985, 1986 and 1987

Cl.3 amends sub-s.18(2) of the Principal Act by increasing the limit on grants for 1987 from \$41,243,000 to \$42,241,000, an increase of \$998,000. This sub-section limits the amounts the Minister may authorise for projects that are in accord with the objects of the Principal Act but which are not conducted in schools or technical and further education (TAFE) institutions. As such projects are funded from amounts provided for government schools and TAFE institutions, the amount the Minister may authorise is limited to the total of the amounts provided for government schools and for TAFE institutions.

Clause 4 : Limits on grants under section 20 in respect of 1984, 1985, 1986 and 1987

Cl.4 amends sub-s.21(4) of the Principal Act by increasing the limit on grants for 1987 under section 20 of the Principal Act from \$345,000 to \$353,000. That section provides funds for projects or programs of national significance.

Clause 5 : Limits on grants under section 22A in respect of 1985, 1986 and 1987

Cl.5 amends s.22B(3) of the Principal Act by increasing the limit of grants for 1987 under section 22A of the Principal Act from \$612,000 to \$649,000. That section provides funds for projects or programs related to Aboriginal education.

Clause 6 : Schedules

Cl.6 repeals the Schedules 10, 11 and 12 to the Principal Act. These Schedules set out the grants available for 1987 to individual States for projects and programs in government schools, non-government schools and TAFE institutions. The clause substitutes new Schedules 10, 11 and 12 which detail the supplemented grants.

Clause 7 : Payments made before Royal Assent

Cl.7 ensures that payments for grants under the Principal Act are not duplicated by payments under the Principal Act as amended.