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**EDUCATION SERVICES FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS (REGISTRATION OF
PROVIDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATION) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1996**

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by authority of the Minister for Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs,
Senator the Honourable Amanda Vanstone)

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OUTLINE

The Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration of Providers and Financial Regulation) Amendment Bill (No. 1) 1996 amends the *Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration of Providers and Financial Regulation) Act 1991*.

The principal Act, the *Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration of Providers and Financial Regulation) Act 1991*, provides assurances of education quality and financial protection to international students studying in Australia. It does so by registering providers of international education and training, based on State or Territory approval and accreditation, and by imposing financial conditions on private education providers.

The two year extension to the Act's sunset clause proposed in the Bill was strongly supported in recent industry-wide consultations about the Act. The extension will allow time to develop and implement simpler, but still effective, regulation in this industry, based on continuing industry consultations.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Nil.

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NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1 - Short Title

Clause 1 provides for this Bill to be cited as the Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration of Providers and Financial Regulation) Amendment Bill (No. 1) 1996.

Clause 2 - Commencement

Clause 2 provides for this Bill to commence on the day it receives Royal Assent.

Clause 3 - Schedules

Clause 3 provides that the Act specified in the Schedule to this Act is amended in accordance with the item in the Schedule.

SCHEDULE 1

AMENDMENT OF THE EDUCATION SERVICES FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS (REGISTRATION OF PROVIDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATION) ACT 1991

The Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration of Providers and Financial Regulation) Act 1991 regulates the export of education services and training.

Item 1 omits “1997” and substitutes “1999” in **Section 20** of the Act. Section 20 provides that the Act, unless sooner repealed, shall cease to be in force on 1 January 1997. This amendment will provide for the Act to have a cessation date of 1 January 1999, unless sooner repealed.

