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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by authority of the Minister for Employment,  
Education and Training, the Honourable J S Dawkins MP.)

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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 adjust in accordance with cost movements 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 \$109 000 in 1987. Total provision for 1987 is \$45 928 000.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1:        Short Title etc.

Clause 2:        Commencement

Cl.2 provides that the amending Act will come into operation on the day on which it receives 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 \$42 241 000 to \$42 352 000. This sub-section limits the amounts the Minister may authorise for projects that are in accord with the 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 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 \$353 000 to \$355 000. That section provides funds for projects or programs of national significance.

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

Cl.5 amends s.22B(3) of the Principal Act by placing an upper limit of \$630 000 on grants for 1987 under section 22A of the Principal Act. The current limit of \$649 000 includes an amount for the Australian Capital Territory for which separate provision is usually made in Appropriation Act (No 1). Excluding that amount (\$23 000) the limit is increased by \$4 000. Section 22A provides grants 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 and non-government schools and TAFE institutions. The clause substitutes new Schedules 10, 11 and 12 which detail the new grants. It will be noted that grants to TAFE institutions (Schedule 12) are lower than those appearing in the legislation being amended. This results from the final non-salaries index for December 1986 being lower than the preliminary index used to compile the previous Schedule 12.

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.