

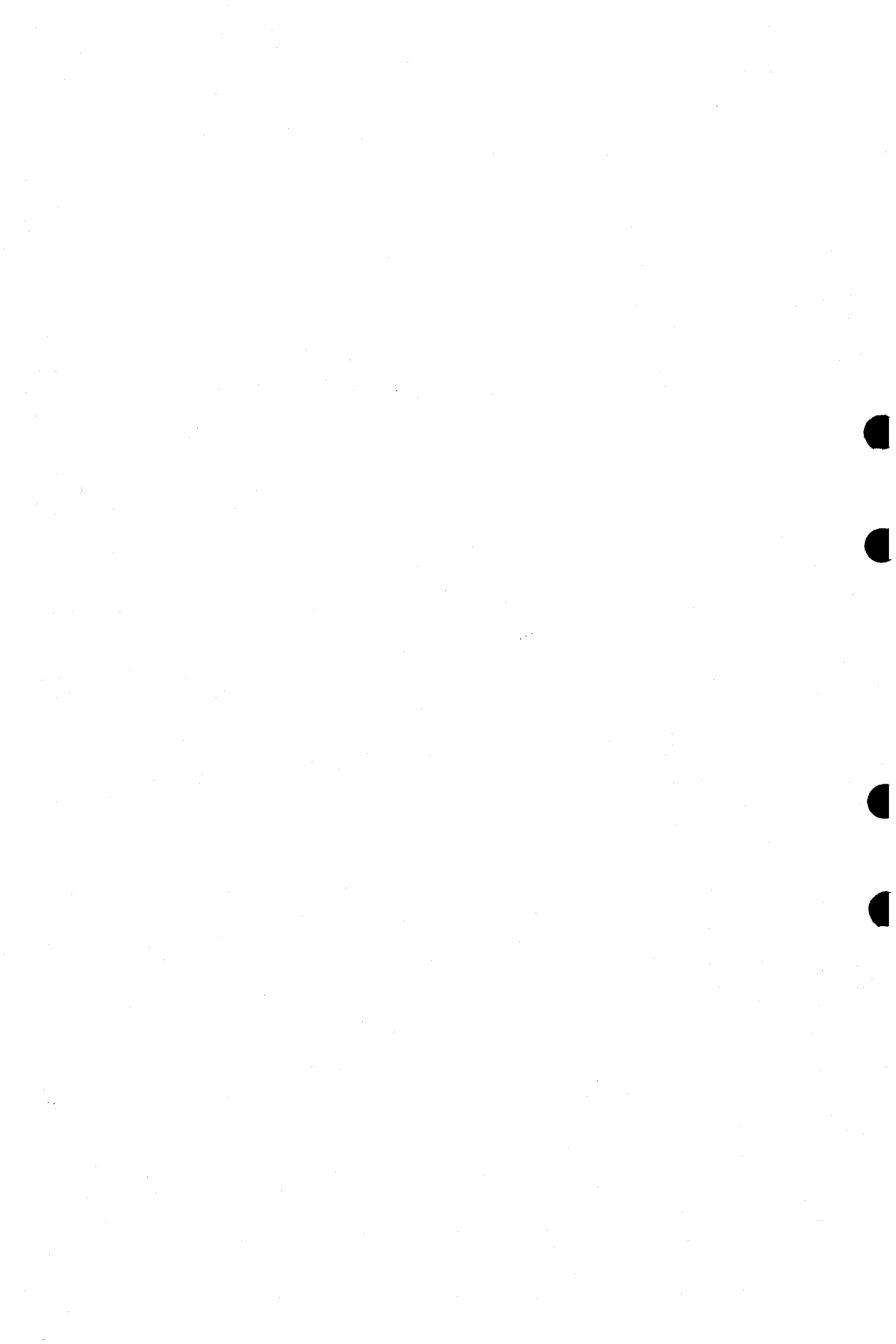
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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by authority of the Minister for Education,
Senator the Hon. Susan Ryan)



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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 the years 1986 and 1987.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial impact of this Bill will be to provide an additional \$0.823 million in each of 1986 and 1987.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

- Clause 1 Short Title
- Clause 2 provides that the legislation will come into operation on the day on which it receives Royal Assent.
- Clause 3 amends sub-section 18(1B) of the Principal Act by increasing the limit on grants from \$39,144,000 to \$39,879,000 an increase of \$735,000. This section limits the amounts the Minister may authorise for projects that are in accord with the objects of the Act but which are not conducted in schools or TAFE colleges. As such projects are funded from amount 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.
- Clause 4 amends sub-section 21(3) by increasing the limit of grants from \$327,000 to \$335,000. This section provides funds for projects and programs of national significance.
- Clause 5 amends Section 22B(2) by increasing the limit of grants from \$576,000 to \$592,000. This section provides funds for projects or programs related to Aboriginal education.
- Clause 6 amends Section 24 by increasing the total of grants which the Minister may authorise in respect of 1986 from \$42,423,000 to \$43,246,000.
- Clause 7 repeals the Schedules 7, 8 and 9 to the Act which set out the grants available in 1986 to the individual States for projects and programs in government schools non-government schools and technical and further education institutions and substitutes Schedules which detail the supplemented grants.
- Clause 8 provides that payments made under the Principal Act shall be deemed to have been made for the purposes of that Act as amended by the changes proposed in this Bill.