



## Legislative Statement for the third reading of the Education and Training (Grants – Budget Measures) Amendment Bill

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This legislative statement supports the **third reading** of the Education and Training (Grants – Budget Measures) Amendment Bill.

The purpose of the Education and Training (Grants – Budget Measures) Amendment Bill is to amend section 548 of the Education and Training Act 2020 (the Act) to confirm the power of the Minister of Education, when specifying conditions or purposes for grant funding, to be able to do so for employment relations aims.

The amendment to the Act ensures that conditions or purposes set under section 548(5)(a) or (b) that relate to employment matters (for example, remuneration) may be specified to help achieve aims that are, or include, employment relations aims.

New subsections 548(5A-5C) will apply to any grant paid under section 548, and to a condition or purpose specified under section 548(5)(a) or (b) for that grant, after the commencement of the Amendment Act arising from this Bill.

### Education and Workforce Committee consideration

The Education and Workforce Committee recommended amending clause 4 to make it clear that the Bill would not change the types of conditions or purposes permitted under section 548(5) of the Act. The Government supported this amendment to the Bill.

### Committee of the whole House consideration

The Bill was considered by the committee of the whole House and was reported back to the House without amendment.