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Commonwealth of Australia

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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**Higher Education Support Amendment  
(Abolition of Compulsory Up-front  
Student Union Fees) Bill 2003**

**No.     , 2003**

*(Education, Science and Training)*

**A Bill for an Act to amend the *Higher Education  
Support Act 2003*, and for related purposes**



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1     **A Bill for an Act to amend the *Higher Education***  
2     ***Support Act 2003, and for related purposes***

3     The Parliament of Australia enacts:

4     **1 Short title**

5                     This Act may be cited as the *Higher Education Support*  
6                     *Amendment (Abolition of Compulsory Up-front Student Union*  
7                     *Fees) Act 2003.*

8     **2 Commencement**

9                     (1) Each provision of this Act specified in column 1 of the table  
10                     commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with  
11                     column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect  
12                     according to its terms.  
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**Commencement information**

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<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>
<b>Provision(s)</b>	<b>Commencement</b>	<b>Date/Details</b>
1. Sections 1 to 3 and anything in this Act not elsewhere covered by this table	The day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.	
2. Schedule 1	Immediately after the commencement of sections 1-10 to 238-15 of the <i>Higher Education Support Act 2003</i> .	

1 Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this Act as originally  
2 passed by the Parliament and assented to. It will not be expanded to  
3 deal with provisions inserted in this Act after assent.

4 (2) Column 3 of the table contains additional information that is not  
5 part of this Act. Information in this column may be added to or  
6 edited in any published version of this Act.

7 **3 Schedule(s)**

8 Each Act that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or  
9 repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule  
10 concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect  
11 according to its terms.

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## **Schedule 1—Amendment of the Higher Education Support Act 2003**

### **1 After section 19-35**

Insert:

#### **19-37 Requiring membership of associations and collection of amounts not directly related to courses**

- (1) A higher education provider must not have as a condition of its enrolment of a person with the provider a requirement that the person be or become a member of an association.
- (2) A higher education provider must not collect from a person enrolled with, or seeking to enrol with, the provider any amount that:
  - (a) is required to be paid as a condition of enrolment of the person in a course with the provider; and
  - (b) does not relate directly to the course.