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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARIES OF THE EDUCATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL, 2002 AND THE HIGHER EDUCATION AMENDMENT BILL, 2002

The Minister of Education intends introducing the Education Laws Amendment Bill, 2002 and the Higher Education Amendment Bill 2002 in the National Assembly in September 2002. The explanatory summaries of the Bills are hereby published in accordance with Rule 241 (c) of the Rules of the National Assembly.

The Education Laws Amendment Bill, 2002 provides for:

The amendment of the South African Schools Act, 1996, so as to provide for a national curriculum and instrument for the assessment of learner achievement in public and independent schools; to make provision for an intermediary; to provide for admission age requirements for public and independent schools; to amend the Employment of Educators Act, 1998, so as to make provision for an intermediary and for certain consequential definitions; to amend the Further Education and Training Act, 1998, so as to provide for safety measures at public and private further education and training institutions; to effect textual corrections relating to the registration of private further education and training institutions; to amend the Adult Basic Education and Training Act, 2000, so as to effect textual corrections; to provide for safety measures at public and private centres; to provide for a national curriculum and instrument for the assessment of learner achievement for public and private centres; to amend the General and Further Education and Training Quality Assurance Act, 2001, so as to effect textual corrections; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

The Higher Education Amendment Bill, 2002 provides for:

The amendment of the Higher Education Act, 1997, so as to provide for consequential issues as a result of declarations and mergers of public higher education institutions in relation to labour and student matters; to provide for the appointment of an administrator if a council is deemed to have resigned; to clarify that the Higher Education Quality Committee is responsible for quality assurance during the registration of private higher education institutions; to clarify certain aspects of the Act including the Minister's authority to make regulations; to make certain textual alterations and to provide for other matters connected therewith.

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