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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARIES OF THE EDUCATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL, 2001, GENERAL AND FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING QUALITY ASSURANCE BILL, 2001 AND HIGHER EDUCATION AMENDMENT BILL, 2001

The Minister of Education intends introducing the aforesaid Bills in the National Assembly in August 2001. The explanatory summaries of the Bills are hereby published in accordance with rule 241 (c) of the Rules of the National Assembly.

Education Laws Amendment Bill, 2001

This Bill provides for—

The amendment of the South African Schools Act, 1996, so as to make the representative council of learners the only recognised learner body at a school; making further provisions on the failure of a governing body to perform its functions; the prohibition of public schools from raising money by means of loans or overdrafts or paying monies into a trust; technical adjustments to existing provisions; the amendment of the Employment of Educators Act, 1998 so as to make technical adjustments to existing provisions; the amendment of the Further Education and Training Act, 1998, so as to make further provisions on loans and overdrafts and; matters connected therewith.

General and Further Education and Training Quality Assurance Bill, 2001

This Bill provides for—

Quality assurance in general and further education and training; control over norms and standards of curriculum and assessment; the issue of certificates at the exit points in general and further education and training; the establishment of the General and Further Education and Training Quality Assurance Council; the composition and functions of the Council; the conduct of assessment; the repeal of the South African Certification Council Act, 1998 and; other matters connected therewith.

Higher Education Amendment Bill, 2001

This Bill provides for—

The amendment of Higher Education Act, 1997, so as to define certain concepts; the Higher Education Quality Committee to be deemed and accredited as an Education and Training Quality Assurance Body; the establishment of interim councils for new, declared or merged public higher education institutions; a person to only serve on the council of one public higher education institution; the dissolution of councils of public higher education institutions if 75 per cent or more of the members resign; the recomposition of such councils; a seat for a public higher education institution; the conferring of degrees and honourary degrees by a public higher education institution; the repeal of the Certification Council for Technikon Education, Act No. 88 of 1986, the Universities' Private Act and certain obsolete Acts; certain technical adjustments and; matters connected therewith.

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