



AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Schools Authority (Amendment) Act 1997

No. 18 of 1997

An Act to amend the *Schools Authority Act 1976*

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The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Schools Authority (Amendment) Act 1997*.

Commencement

2. This Act commences on the day on which the *Education (Amendment) Act 1997* commences.

Principal Act

3. In this Act, "Principal Act" means the *Schools Authority Act 1976*.¹

Interpretation

4. Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the following definition:

“ ‘corporal punishment’ means physical force applied to punish or correct, and includes any action designed or likely to cause physical pain or discomfort taken for such a purpose;”.

Functions of Authority

5. Section 6 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after subsection (2) the following subsection:

“(2A) The Authority shall ensure that any disciplinary policy implemented at a school precludes corporal punishment.”.

Functions of school boards

6. Section 38 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after paragraph (1) (e) the following paragraph:

“(ea) to ensure that any disciplinary policy implemented at the school precludes corporal punishment.”.

NOTE

Principal Act

1. Reprinted as at 30 April 1993. See also Act No. 38, 1994; No. 26, 1996.

[Presentation speech made in Assembly on 4 December 1996]