



Australian Capital Territory

Education Amendment Act 2006

A2006-28

An Act to amend the *Education Act 2004*

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

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Authorised by the ACT Parliamentary Counsel—also accessible at www.legislation.act.gov.au

1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Education Amendment Act 2006*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day after its notification day.

Note The naming and commencement provisions automatically commence on the notification day (see Legislation Act, s 75 (1)).

3 Legislation amended

This Act amends the *Education Act 2004*.

**4 Establishing government schools etc
New section 20 (6) and (7)**

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- (6) To ensure that school communities affected by closing or amalgamating a government school are adequately consulted, the Minister must, before a decision is made on the proposal—
 - (a) tell the school communities about the proposal; and
 - (b) listen to, and consider, their views.
- (7) The consultation must be done in a way that gives effect to the following principles:
 - (a) consultation should focus on access to, and the provision of, quality educational opportunities;
 - (b) consultation should be open and transparent;
 - (c) consultation should lead to sustainable decisions by involving effective community engagement;

- (d) without limiting paragraph (c), consultation should ensure that—
 - (i) relevant information is provided in a timely and accessible way to enable maximum community participation in debate about the proposal; and
 - (ii) opportunities are provided for feedback about the proposal, especially from families and other people with significant interest in the proposal;
- (e) consultation should include seeking the views of school boards that are likely to be affected by the proposal.

Endnotes

1 Presentation speech

Presentation speech made in the Legislative Assembly on 6 June 2006.

2 Notification

Notified under the Legislation Act on 15 June 2006.

3 Republications of amended laws

For the latest republication of amended laws, see www.legislation.act.gov.au.

I certify that the above is a true copy of the Education Amendment Bill 2006, which originated in the Legislative Assembly as the Education Amendment Bill 2006 (No 2) and was passed by the Assembly on 7 June 2006.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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