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Overview of the Bill

The purpose of this bill is to amend the *Canberra Institute of Technology Act 1987* to revise the membership of the CIT Advisory Council.

Details of the Bill

- Clause 1** Provides the name of the Act as the *Canberra Institute of Technology Amendment Act 2007*.
- Clause 2** Provides for the commencement of the Act on the day after its notification day.
- Clause 3** Provides that this Act amends the *Canberra Institute of Technology Act 1987*.
- Clause 4** Amends the membership of the Council to (a) 1 member who represents an organisation that represents the teaching staff; and (b) 1 member who represents the student body; and (c) 7 members who represent the interests of industry and commerce; and (d) 2 members, not representing the interests of industry or commerce, who have experience and knowledge relevant to the functions of the council; and (e) 1 member who has skills in and knowledge of vocational education and training. In deciding whether to appoint a person as a member, the Minister must have regard to the desirability of ensuring that there is a balance of skills, expertise and gender among the council members. The conditions of appointment of a member are the conditions agreed between the Minister and the member subject to any determination under the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1995*.
- Clause 5** Renumbers Section 32 - Ending council member appointments, to Section 33.
- Clause 6** Inserts a new section giving powers of review to decisions made by the Director regarding refusing admission to a course of study or examination of the institute and refusing to confer an award.
- Clause 7** Renumbers Part 9 – Miscellaneous, to Part 10.
- Clause 8** Renumbers Section 62 - Delegation by director, to Section 64.
- Clause 9** Omits Sections 63 and 64.
- Clause 10** Amends the definition of chair to be the chair of the council appointed under Section 32.

- Clause 11** Amends the definition of deputy chair to be the deputy chair of the council appointed under section 32.
- Clause 12** Inserts *reviewable decision* in see Section 61.
- Clause 13** Omits *chairperson* and substitutes *chair* in Sections 38, 40 and 41.