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DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE BASIC EDUCATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL, 2009

I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, intend introducing the Basic Education Laws Amendment Bill, 2009, in the National Assembly in October 2010. The Explanatory Summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance with Rule 241(c) of the Rules of the National Assembly.



ANGELINA MATSIE MOTSHEKGA, MP
MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION
DATE: 01 October 2010

EXPLANATORY SUMMARY

The Basic Education Laws Amendment Bill, 2009, provides for -

The amendment of the National Education Policy Act, 1996, so as to amend or delete certain definitions; the amendment of the South African Schools Act, 1996, so as to amend certain definitions and to define "loan", to make provision for consultation with the Minister of Finance before uniform minimum norms and standards are determined, to provide for a mechanism for ensuring that there is no unfair discrimination in respect of official languages, to provide for the imposition of a suitable sanction if an appeal by a learner who has been expelled from a public school is upheld by the Member of the Executive Council, to provide for a new category of public school that provides education with a specialised focus, to provide for additional functions of the principal of a public school, to provide for the training of governing bodies by recognised governing body associations, to provide for measures for regulating non-educational activities during school time, to provide that a governing body must seek the approval of the Member of the Executive Council and the Member of the Executive Council responsible for finance before the governing body may enter into any loan or overdraft agreement to supplement the school fund, to provide for the empowerment of the Member of the Executive Council to identify additional schools that may not charge school fees, and to bring about clarity relating to state liability for certain damages; the amendment of the Employment of Educators Act, 1998, so as to amend certain definitions; the amendment of the South African Council for Educators Act, 2000, so as to amend certain definitions and to empower the council to conduct in-service training of educators upon the payment of an agreed fee; and the amendment of the General and Further Education and Training Quality Assurance Act, 2001, so as to amend certain definitions; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

Copies of the Bill may be obtained from:

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