1. The Education and Training Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 (the Bill) will amend legislation administered by the Department of Education and Training to provide for the following matters:

* Power of State school principals to exclude a student

On 18 December 2009, the Minister for Education and Training announced the Government’s commitment to grant State school principals the power to exclude students. The Green Paper, *A Flying Start for Queensland Children*, released on 2 February 2010, reiterates the Government’s intention to give State school principals more power to exclude students, thus supporting them to “keep bad behaviour out of the classroom and enable students to get on with learning”.

The Bill amends the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006* to give State school principals the power to exclude a student enrolled at their school for a period of not more than one year or permanently.

* Consistency with national arrangements for vocational education and training

To ensure compliance with the National Skills Framework, the Bill will amend the *Vocational Education, Training and Employment Act 2000* to include a “skill set” as an additional category of achievement in vocational education and training that may be certified by a registered training organisation.

The Bill also amends the definition of “national register” to replace the reference to the National Training Information Service (NTIS) with a generic reference to the register of vocational education and training matters, as the NTIS database is currently being redeveloped and it is anticipated that the NTIS database will be replaced with a new database bearing a different name.

* Unit record level data for early childhood education and care

The Bill amends the *Child Care Act 2002* to allow for the, recording, use, and disclosure of unit record level data about individual children and staff for the purposes of meeting Queensland’s obligations under the National Information Agreement on Early Childhood Education and Care and quality assuring approved kindergarten provider funding entitlements. The Bill establishes adequate safeguards to ensure that URL data is only collected, used and disclosed in a way that ensures the privacy of persons to whom it relates is protected.

1. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Education and Training Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 into the Legislative Assembly.
2. *Attachments*

* [Education and Training Legislation Amendment Bill 2010](Attachments/Education%20and%20Training%20Legislation%20Amendment%20Bill%202010.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/Education%20and%20Training%20Legislation%20Amendment%20Bill%202010%20Explanatory%20Notes.pdf)