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**EDUCATION (COMPULSORY EDUCATION AGE) AMENDMENT
ACT 2002**

No. 7 of 2002

[Assented to 1 August 2002]

An Act to amend the Education Act 1972.

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**Education (Compulsory Education Age)
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The Parliament of South Australia enacts as follows:

Short title

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the *Education (Compulsory Education Age) Amendment Act 2002*.

(2) The *Education Act 1972* is referred to in this Act as "the principal Act".

Commencement

2. This Act will come into operation on 1 January 2003.

Amendment of s. 5—Interpretation

3. Section 5 of the principal Act is amended by striking out from the definition of "child of compulsory school age" in subsection (1) "six years who has not yet attained the age of fifteen years" and substituting "6 years but under the age of 16 years".

Repeal of s. 77

4. Section 77 of the principal Act is repealed.

Amendment of s. 78—Employment of children required to be enrolled

5. Section 78 of the principal Act is amended by striking out subsection (2).

Insertion of s. 81A

6. The following section is inserted after section 81 of the principal Act:

Exemptions

81A. (1) The Minister may, by written notice, if the Minister considers it appropriate to do so, grant an exemption from a requirement of this Part in relation to a child, conditionally or unconditionally.

(2) The Minister may, by written notice, if the Minister considers it appropriate to do so, vary or revoke an exemption granted under this section.

(3) A person must not contravene or fail to comply with a condition of an exemption granted under this section.

Maximum penalty: \$500.

Transitional provision

7. (1) The amendments effected by this Act do not apply to a child who has, before the commencement of this Act, attained the age of 15 years if—

(a) the child has ceased to attend or be enrolled at a school; and

(b) the child is—

(i) in full-time employment; or

(ii) enrolled as a full-time student in an approved course of instruction or training; or

- (iii) engaged in part-time employment and enrolled in an approved course of instruction or training.

(2) In this section—

"approved course of instruction or training" means a course of instruction or training—

- (a) provided by a college of technical and further education pursuant to the *Technical and Further Education Act 1975*; or
- (b) accredited under Part 3 of the *Vocational Education, Employment and Training Act 1994*; or
- (c) of a kind prescribed by regulation.