

TASMANIA

**EDUCATION AMENDMENT
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A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the *Education Act 1994* to provide for smaller class sizes in State schools

Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Education Amendment (Smaller Class Sizes) Act 2003*.

Commencement

2. This Act commences on 1 January 2006.

Principal Act

3. In this Act, the *Education Act 1994** is referred to as the Principal Act.

*No. 86 of 1994

Section 25A inserted

4. After section 25 of the Principal Act, the following section is inserted:

Class size limits

25A. (1) The Minister must ensure that the maximum size of a State school class at the beginning of a school year does not exceed the following limits –

(a) 20 students in Preparatory and Year 1; and

(b) 25 students in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

(2) The Minister is exempted from the application of subsection (1) to a particular State school if an explanatory statement, detailing reasons why subsection (1) could not be complied with, is tabled in each House of Parliament of the State within 60 days after the commencement of the school year.