

EDUCATION (RIGHTS) AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS bill makes explicit the duty of School Boards and staff to act in a manner consistent with the rights in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 and the rights contained in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, by amending the Education Act 1989.

This bill also seeks to extend these rights and responsibilities to boarding hostels as well as schools because, at present, this is not the case with unfortunate results.

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ANALYSIS

Title	1. Short Title 2. Boards must ensure rights
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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Education Act 1989

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of New Zealand as follows:

5 **1. Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Education (Rights) Amendment Act 1997, and is part of the Education Act 1989 (“the principal Act”).

2. Boards must ensure rights—The principal Act is amended by inserting, after section 75, the following new section:

10 “75A. (1) Boards must ensure that all aspects of the school are administered in a manner which is consistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 and with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

15 “(2) For the purposes of this section and of section 75, boarding hostels attached to, or owned or administered by a school, are considered to be part of that school.”
