1. The Queensland Government is committed to protecting all children from harm and ensuring that the highest possible standards of safety and well-being are upheld in Queensland schools. To this end, the Bill makes a number of amendments to ensure this commitment to Queensland children and their families is upheld.
2. The Education and Training Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 will:
   * extend the mandatory reporting requirements under the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006* (EGPA) to include reporting of suspected sexual abuse or a likelihood of sexual abuse of a student by any person not just by an employee of a school;
   * allow a director of a non-State school governing body to delegate their duty to make and receive reports about suspected sexual abuse of students under the EGPA;
   * provide for the automatic cancellation of a teacher’s registration or permission to teach under the *Education (Queensland College of Teachers) Act 2005* if the person is convicted of a serious offence, irrespective of whether or not an imprisonment order is imposed by the court;
   * prohibit any person from applying for teacher registration or permission to teach, if the person has been convicted of a serious offence, irrespective of whether or not an imprisonment order was imposed by the court;
   * introduce an eligibility declaration process, enabling a person in limited circumstances to apply for registration or permission to teach despite being an excluded person;
   * amend the *Education (Queensland College of Teachers) Act 2006* to enable the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal to prohibit a person from applying for registration or permission to teach for a stated period or for life;
   * reduce restrictions on Queensland universities regarding the leasing of land dedicated as reserve or granted in trust (trust land) under the *Land Act 1994* and provide clarity about the permitted use of certain trust land; and
   * make minor and technical amendments.
3. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Education and Training Legislation Amendment Bill 2011into the Legislative Assembly.
4. *Attachments*

* [Education and Training Legislation Amendment Bill 2011](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/Explan%20Notes.pdf)