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An Act to provide for the regulation and accreditation of private education institutions so as to ensure the provision of quality education thereat and for matters connected therewith.

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[1 December 2009: Except Parts 3 to 7;
21 December 2009: Parts 3 to 7]

PART 1

PRELIMINARY

Short title

1. This Act is the Private Education Act 2009.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —
“advertisement” includes any notice, circular, pamphlet, brochure, prospectus, programme or other document, and