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Office of the Speaker
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D.

November 21, 2011

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Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker
I Mina'trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
155 Hesler Street
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Madame Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 198-31 (COR) "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 14 TO CHAPTER 15 OF DIVISION 3, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR ECONOMICALLY-DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS, AND PROVIDING FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE PROGRAM; AND TO CITE THIS ACT AS THE 'EVERY CHILD IS ENTITLED TO A HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM'", which I signed into law on November 17, 2011 as Public Law 31-129.

Senseramente,

EDDIE BAZA CALVO

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2011 (FIRST) Regular Session

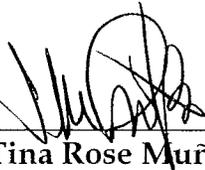
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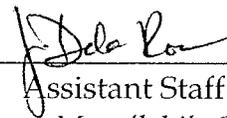
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Speaker

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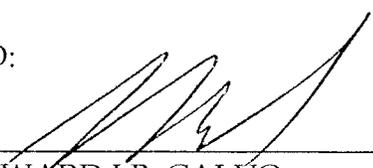
Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* this 8th day of Nov., 2011, at 4:25 o'clock P.M.



Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'lahaen's Office

APPROVED:



EDWARD J.B. CALVO
I Maga'lahaen Guåhan

Date: NOV 17 2011

Public Law No. 31-1129

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2011 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 198-31 (COR)

As substituted by the Committee on Education and Public Libraries;
and amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

Chris M. Dueñas
Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D.
T. C. Ada
V. Anthony Ada
F. F. Blas, Jr.
B. J.F. Cruz
Judith P. Guthertz, DPA
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R. J. Respicio
Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.
M. Silva Taijeron
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AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW ARTICLE 14 TO CHAPTER 15 OF DIVISION 3, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR ECONOMICALLY-DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS, AND PROVIDING FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE PROGRAM; AND TO CITE THIS ACT AS THE “*EVERY CHILD IS ENTITLED TO A HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM*”.

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Legislative Intent.** A review of the financial assistance
3 programs available to students planning to attend the University of Guam indicates

1 two (2) main themes: academic achievement and awards based upon a
2 concentration in a specific field of study. The “*Every Child is Entitled to a Higher*
3 *Education Scholarship Program*” will continue to acknowledge academic
4 achievement as a main theme and factor in the eligibility for assistance to be
5 offered herein. However, its focus will be to provide economically-disadvantaged
6 students with the ability to experience higher education in hopes that the students
7 assisted will seek out other financial means to remain in school, determine a course
8 of study, and complete a degree program. The emphasis of offering an enticement
9 to experience higher education could be the difference between a person who
10 needs to immediately work to support his family and who cannot afford the costs
11 to attend the University of Guam, and a person who can be of greater benefit to his
12 family with both an exposure to higher education and, perhaps, a college degree.

13 **Section 2.** A new Article 14 is *added* to Chapter 15 of Division 3, Title 17,
14 Guam Code Annotated, to read:

15 **“ARTICLE 14**

16 **EVERY CHILD IS ENTITLED TO**

17 **A HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

18 § 151401. The *Every Child is Entitled to a Higher Education*
19 *Scholarship Program*: Creation.

20 § 151402. Administration of Program.

21 § 151403. Rules and Regulations.

22 § 151404. Selection Committee.

23 § 151405. Academic Advisor and Program Contract.

24 § 151406. Scholarships.

25 § 151407. Same: Benefits.

26 § 151408. Service Requirements.

27 § 151409. Reporting Requirements.

1 **§ 151401. The *Every Child is Entitled to a Higher Education***
2 ***Scholarship Program: Creation.*** There is hereby created the *Every Child is*
3 *Entitled to a Higher Education Scholarship Program.* Awards granted under
4 this Article *shall* be granted for Academic Year 2012-2013, and thereafter.

5 **§ 151402. Administration of Program.** The University of Guam
6 Board of Regents *shall* administer this Program pursuant to §15102 of
7 Article 1 of this Chapter.

8 **§ 151403. Rules and Regulations.** All rules and regulations
9 adopted *prior* to the enactment of this Article *shall* remain effective *unless*
10 they are *amended or repealed* by the Board in a manner consistent with
11 §15105 of Article 1 of this Chapter.

12 **§ 151404. Selection Committee.** (a) The President of the
13 University *shall* annually establish an Evaluation and Selection Committee
14 (the Committee). The primary criteria for selection of recipients *shall* be the
15 adherence to established University of Guam entrance and academic
16 requirements. The Board may prescribe additional qualifications for
17 admission to the scholarship program.

18 (b) Applications for the *Every Child is Entitled to a Higher*
19 *Education Scholarship Program shall* be received by April 30 of every year.
20 Awards *shall* be granted *prior* to July 30 in a written notice to the selected
21 applicant, and the applicant's school administrator, if applicable.

22 **§ 151405. Academic Advisor and Program Contract.** Each
23 program scholarship recipient *shall* develop a complete academic plan that
24 would result in the granting of the applicable degree within the prescribed
25 period of time. This plan *shall* be examined by the appropriate University
26 official, as determined by the Board, and upon approval, *shall* constitute a
27 contract between the student and the University.

1 **§ 151406. Scholarships.** *The Every Child is Entitled to a Higher*
2 *Education Scholarship Program shall* consist of students who have declared
3 their intention to attend the University of Guam. Scholarships may be
4 awarded to eligible students who meet the following criteria:

5 (a) *bona fide* resident of Guam paying income taxes to the
6 government of Guam, *or* is a dependent of a parent or legal guardian
7 who pays income taxes to the government of Guam; and

8 (b) citizen of the United States;

9 (c) senior *or* graduate of an accredited high school with a
10 cumulative grade point average of *not less than* 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, *or*
11 its equivalent;

12 (d) official acceptance to the University of Guam in
13 accordance with its admissions policies; and

14 (e) does not already hold a bachelor's (or any undergraduate)
15 degree; and

16 (f) demonstrates financial need, which shall be determined
17 by regulations authorized by § 15105 of Article 1 of this Chapter. In
18 addition, the applicant must complete and submit the Free Application
19 for Federal Student Aid' (FAFSA) to determine the appropriate level
20 of need; and must exhaust all federal sources that may be available for
21 economically disadvantaged students, as certified by UOG.

22 **§ 151407. Same: Benefits.** (a) Students entitled to scholarships
23 pursuant to § 151406 of this Article *shall* receive the following benefit: a
24 scholarship in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000), issued in two
25 (2) equal installments of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2500) each.
26 The first (1st) installment *shall* be payable at the beginning of the first (1st)
27 semester of Recipient's freshman year at the University of Guam. The

1 second (2nd) installment *shall* be paid in the beginning of the first (1st)
2 semester of the Recipient's senior year at the University of Guam.

3 **§ 151408. Service Requirements.**

4 (a) Any student who receives a scholarship pursuant to the
5 provisions of this Article, *shall* be obligated to work on Guam for a period of
6 one year (equivalent to twelve (12) months), commencing six (6) months
7 from the completion of their degree program or six (6) months immediately
8 following non-enrollment from the University of Guam.

9 (b) Any student granted a scholarship under this Article who fails
10 to fulfill the provisions of this Section must repay the full amount of the
11 scholarship. The Board *shall* establish such policies prescribing the length
12 and terms of repayment, the interest rate to be charged, and the collection of
13 delinquent accounts or in the event of a default.

14 (c) If a student enlists to serve on active duty in a branch of the
15 U.S. Armed Services while in attendance or upon completion of studies, the
16 service requirement *shall* be postponed until such student returns to work on
17 Guam, but in no case longer than six (6) years; provided, however, that the
18 student applies for the postponement within ninety (90) days of entering the
19 Armed Services, and continues to maintain Guam as the student's home of
20 record.

21 (d) Death or total and permanent disability of the student *shall*
22 terminate any obligations herein. Total and permanent disability for
23 purposes of this Section is defined as any physiological or psychological
24 condition that will prevent the student from obtaining or maintaining any
25 form of gainful employment. The Board may defer repayment for
26 temporary disability. Total and permanent disability requires the certification
27 by two (2) physicians licensed to practice in Guam or the United States.

1 **§ 151409. Reporting Requirements.** A report *shall* be submitted
2 to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* no later than three (3) weeks after
3 the start of the fall semester for which any scholarships have been awarded.
4 The report *shall* contain the following information: the total number of
5 recipients by academic year, sorted by new and continuing recipients; the
6 total number of recipients that completed their degree program; the total
7 amount expended for the *prior* academic year for any activity related to the
8 program; and any other information that *I Liheslatura* will deem helpful in
9 the review of the program.

10 **§ 151410. Funding Sources.** The Program may make every effort
11 to award up to five hundred (500) scholarships annually contingent on the
12 availability of funding sources cited in this Section. Scholarship funds *shall*
13 be payable exclusively to UOG for tuition or books or as reimbursement to
14 scholarship recipients upon evidence of prior payment of tuition and books
15 and according to rules and regulations. Funding to administer and conduct
16 the program in this Article *may* come from any or all of the following
17 sources:

18 (a) direct appropriation by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for the
19 express purpose of funding the program created by this Article;

20 (b) public investments from GEDA's Qualifying Certificate
21 Program, *not* already dedicated for a particular use;

22 (c) company donations to a "Qualified Tuition Program, also
23 known as a 529 program" made available to eligible employees for re-
24 investment and development; and

25 (d) any other source of funding for which the use of money
26 for the purposes herein is consistent with law."

I MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2011 (FIRST) Regular Session

Date: 11/07/11⁸

VOTING SHEET

SBill No. 198-31 (COR)

Resolution No. _____

Question: _____

<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>NOT VOTING/ ABSTAINED</u>	<u>OUT DURING ROLL CALL</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
ADA, Thomas C.	✓				
ADA, V. Anthony	✓				
BLAS, Frank F., Jr.	✓				
CRUZ, Benjamin J. F.	✓				
DUENAS, Christopher M.	✓				
GUTHERTZ, Judith Paulette	✓				
MABINI, Sam	✓				
MUNA-BARNES, Tina Rose	✓				
PALACIOS, Adolpho Borja, Sr.	✓				
PANGELINAN, vicente (ben) cabrera	✓				
RESPICIO, Rory J.	✓				
RODRIGUEZ, Dennis G., Jr.	✓				
SILVA TAIJERON, Mana	✓				
WON PAT, Judith T.	✓				
YAMASHITA, Aline A.	✓				

TOTAL

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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:



 Clerk of the Legislature

* 3 Passes = No vote
 EA = Excused Absence



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 CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES

VICE CHAIR

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FESTIVAL OF THE
 PACIFIC ARTS
 (FESTPAC)

July 19, 2011

The Honorable Rory J. Respicio
 Chairperson, Committee on Rules
I Mina' Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guahan
 155 Hesler Place
 Hagatna, Guam 96910

RE: Committee Report on Substitute Bill No. 198 -31 (COR)

Dear Chairman Respicio:

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on Substitute Bill No. 198-31 (COR) – “An act to add a new Article 14 to Division 3 of Chapter 15, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, relative to establishing a scholarship program for economically-disadvantaged students; providing funding sources for the program, and citing this act as the "Every Child is Entitled to a Higher Education Scholarship Program,” sponsored by Senator Christopher M. Duenas and referred to the Committee on Education and Public Libraries.

Committee votes are as follows:

<u>5</u>	TO DO PASS
<u>0</u>	TO NOT PASS
<u>1</u>	TO REPORT OUT ONLY
<u>0</u>	TO ABSTAIN
<u>0</u>	TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE

Copies of the Committee Report and other pertinent documents are attached. Thank you and *Si Yu'os ma'ase*.


 Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
 Chairperson
 Committee on Education

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COMMITTEE REPORT

on

Substitute Bill No. 198-31 (COR)

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July 16, 2011

MEMORANDUM

To: ALL MEMBERS
Committee on Education and Public Libraries

From: Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. *JTW*
Committee Chairperson

Subject: Committee report on Substitute Bill No. 198-31 (COR)

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on Substitute Bill No. 198-31 (COR) – “An act to add a new Article 14 to Division 3 of Chapter 15, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, relative to establishing a scholarship program for economically-disadvantaged students; providing funding sources for the program, and citing this act as the "Every Child is Entitled to a Higher Education Scholarship Program,” sponsored by Senator Christopher M. Duenas.

This report includes the following:

Committee Voting Sheet
Committee Report Digest
Copy of Bill No. 198-31 (COR)
Copy of Substitute Bill No. 198-31 (COR)
Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
Fiscal Note
Copy of COR Referral of Bill No. 198 -31 (COR)
Copies of Submitted Written Testimonies
Notices of Public Hearing
Copy of Public Hearing Agenda

Please take the appropriate action on the attached voting sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

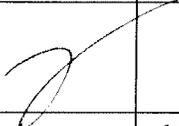
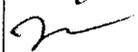
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COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Substitute Bill No. 198 -31 (COR) –. Senator Christopher M. Duenas

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Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D., Chairperson		7/18/11 ✓				
Judith P. Guthertz, DPA, Vice Chairperson						
Tina R. Muna-Barnes Vice Chairperson						
Vicente C. Pangelinan Vice Chairperson				✓		
Thomas C. Ada		7/18/11 ✓				
Frank F. Blas, Jr.	TB	7/12/11 ✓				
Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D.		7/18/11 ✓				
V. Anthony Ada		7/18/11 ✓				
Sam Mabini, Ph.D.						



OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES

COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Education and Public Libraries convened a public hearing on June 23, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in *I Liheslatura's* Public Hearing Room. Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of Bill No. 198-31 (COR) "An act to add a new Article 14 to Division 3 of Chapter 15, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, relative to establishing a scholarship program for economically-disadvantaged students; providing funding sources for the program, and citing this act as the "Every Child is Entitled to a Higher Education Scholarship Program," sponsored by Senator Christopher M. Duenas.

Public Notice Requirements

Notices were disseminated via fax and email to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on June 15, 2011 (5-Day Notice), and again on June 20, 2011 (48-Hour Notice).

Senators Present

Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.	Committee, Chairperson
Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz	
Minority Leader Frank F. Blas, Jr.	
Senator V. Anthony Ada	Committee, Minority Member
Senator Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D.	Committee, Minority Member
Senator Christopher M. Duenas	Committee, Minority Member
Senator Sam Mabini, Ph.D.	Committee, Minority Member

Appearing before the Committee

Dr. Robert Underwood
Attorney John Brown
Carmen K. Santos, CPA.

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. convened the public hearing to order at 2:00 p.m. and announced the agenda of the public hearing. Bill No. 198-31 (COR) was announced as one of the items on the agenda to be heard by the Committee.

- **Senator Duenas** stated it his firm belief that every child on the island should be granted the opportunity to experience post secondary education. He stated this bill is structured to provide hope to the underserved population and when they work hard in school and there is an opportunity at college level education, even though they do not have financial means. He stated the Every Child is Entitled to a Higher Education Scholarship Program would continue to acknowledge academic achievement as a main theme and factor as

eligibility in receiving assistance, however the focus would be on economically disadvantaged students with the ability to experience higher education with scholarships in the amount of \$5000. He stated the University of Guam Board of Regents would administer the program, the president of the university would annually establish a selection committee which would conduct interviews with potential recipients. He stated the passing of the interview and meeting and passing the University of Guam economic and academic requirements shall constitute the primary criteria for scholarship recipient. He stated the board may prescribe additional requirements for admission to the scholarship program and each recipient would be required to work with an academic advisor to develop a contract between the student and university. He stated the contract would detail the students' plans in achieving a university degree in a certain timeframe. He stated funding would come from the legislature, public certificates from GEDA programs, company donations, and any other source that is consistent with law. He stated the bill was designed with the ideals of a growing economy and military buildup, and opportunities for getting our workforce ready to go. He concluded it is also an opportunity for businesses to reinvest in careers and job training, which are necessary as the business community continues to expand.

- **Attorney Brown** testified in support of the legislation based on principal, but he said he would leave the details of how the award is administered to others.

- **Dr. Underwood** testified in support of the legislation. His testimony is appended to the committee report.

- **Ms. Santos** testified in support of the legislation. Her testimony is appended to the committee report.

Discussion

-**Speaker Won Pat, Ed.D** asked Dr. Underwood his position in linking service obligation as a requirement for the scholarship.

- **Dr. Underwood** replied sometimes scholarships are tied to specific objectives such as college attendance like this bill. He gave an example of teacher scholarships requiring the recipient to teach. He stated that is up to the legislature to tighten it up given it is completely within its purview. He suggested not making it as rigid as teaching and nursing scholarships, but simply their presence on the island would suffice.

- **Speaker Won Pat** replied the legislature has permitted scholarship recipients who are unable to obtain employment in their subject area to work in other fields, as long they work on Guam.

- **Dr. Underwood** stated the theory behind the scholarship of this nature is to give the person the opportunity for access and the nudge to complete. He stated as we go down the road requiring specific things, then we would have to include cost of monitoring and that would bring another

series of bureaucratic activities. He stated he fully comprehends the need to require something. He pointed out the problems the university are facing, at one level is access to university education and the other level is completion. He stated the national agenda which is being advocated by President Obama is college completion, not college access.

- **Speaker Won Pat, Ed.D.** asked the possibility in requiring scholarship recipients to complete a certain amount of hours in service learning.

- **Dr. Underwood** replied it is up to the legislature, but a lot of it is monitoring. He stated someone can go out and say they did 30 hours and have someone sign off on it. He stated if those requirements are required, it might tighten up that commitment, if he had to choose between community service and post graduation, he would choose community service.

- **Speaker Won Pat, Ed.D** spoke about the academic advisor as required by the bill and who would be responsible to devise the students plan, including service learning.

- **Senator Duenas** stated that modifications can be made to allot \$2500 for the first year of schooling and the second allotment of \$2500 in the senior year as suggested by Dr. Underwood.

- **Vice Speaker Cruz** stated he is a little concerned about the statistics that Dr. Underwood provided about the number of people who are admitted and the people who graduate. He asked if the results are due to UOG not having admission requirements. He stated people may have been inspired to attend the university, but they were not prepared and end up in remedial classes and eventually drop out, because they could not pass the reading or math classes. He asked does the university need admission requirements.

- **Dr. Underwood** stated by policy we are an open admissions university. He stated the question is a broader policy issues as we are the only university operating on the island, do you want forestall that opportunity. He stated the Senator's assumption is a lot of it is connected to a lack of preparation is pretty accurate, but it is not atypical of State colleges and universities across the country. He stated this is why the federal government has shifted from access to completion. He stated the Pell grants, student loans, default rates, completion rates are being closely by monitored by the colleges at the demand of the federal government. He stated statistically the student that is most likely to drop out of the University of Guam is a Chamorro male student. He stated the challenge is what does the university do with such information and how do we address it. He stated some colleges have done male initiatives to deal with that issue due to the imbalance. He stated some people are doing more math and English preparation. He stated the university has funded math camps for students who could not place in the test and at least 64% are able to pass after completing the camp. He stated yes, the university could institute admission requirements, but it's an all purpose university for a community this size and it would be a major change.

-Vice Speaker Cruz asked should it be at the responsibility of the university at \$190 a unit, or should that be the responsibility of community college at \$135 a unit, or something else to fund these programs.

-Dr. Underwood responded it should be a responsibility of all three educational institutions. He stated his preference would be to give the placement test in the 11th grade and do the FASA in the 11th grade, and therefore, we the know constellation of students and it gives them the opportunity to an additional year in K-12 to get up to speed. He stated some high schools do this, such as Notre Dame. He stated they teach in the 12th grade the math curriculum from UOG and they will pass the placement test. He stated that in Long Beach, they have the Long Beach promise is that every 4th grader visits community college, every 5th grade visits Cal State, and they take the test in 11th grade. If they pass and graduate High School they get a bonus to attend college, so you are giving them an enticement to be better prepared. He stated it his philosophy to support such a program and explore the opportunity to work with that program, than institute an admission requirements.

-Vice Speaker Cruz asked would we have a bigger pool of students ready to go into college, if at 4th and 5th grades students are tested to determine if they are at their grade level.

- Dr. Underwood replied the problem we get at the 4th and 5th grades is trying to get them to see themselves as college students before they reach the 6th and 7th students before peer pressure becomes a factor. He stated that we need to treat students' educational records like medical records. He stated GCC and UOG should have access to it, so we can communicate with the students and each other. He stated the university has change the nature of Charter Day to entice and recruitment device. He stated thousands of kids come to see UOG, so years down the road they remember UOG and the culture. He stated he gave a career presentation at Okkodo High school last year and there were 30 kids in the class. He asked them how many of you plan to attend UOG. He stated only 8 females raised their hands which about typical. He stated it seemed the males did not see themselves in college. He stated incentive programs and more discussions like this would help us think this through.

- Minority Leader Blas asked Dr. Underwood if any studies have been done identifying the reasons why students don't complete.

- Dr. Underwood replied the university would need a long longitudinal study. He stated the university is right now trying to identify which groups are dropping out and not coming back. He stated the typical trajectory is 6 years from freshmen to completion. He stated if you ask a student, the student would more than likely respond finance, but we think there's something more.

- Minority Leader Blas stated he agreed with Dr. Underwood about the installment payment, however how long do we wait until we give the second installment if it takes longer to get there.

- **Dr. Underwood** replied by giving an example of someone who is close to graduation with thirty credits remaining and enticing them with the second instalment. He stated we would have to devise rules to ensure the student graduates.

- **Attorney Brown** stated that it took him 9 years to obtain his bachelors degree, because of other obligations.

- **Minority Leader Blas** stated he understands as you get older you have other obligations. He stated his concern is the back-end of the installment and ensuring the student graduates.

- **Dr. Underwood** stated it could be based on credit hours before completion.

There being no further questions or comments, Speaker Won Pat, Ed.D. concluded the hearing for Bill 198-31 (COR).

III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Education and Public Libraries has made the following significant amendments to Bill No.198-31 (COR):

1. The primary criteria for selection of recipients shall be adherence to established University of Guam entrance and academic requirements.
2. Does not already hold a bachelor's (or any undergraduate) degree to qualify.
3. First installment payable first semester of the freshman year and the second installment payable the first semester of their senior year.
4. Service requirement after graduation, failure to fulfill requirements and exceptions.
5. Reporting requirements to the Guam Legislature.
6. The effective date of this Act shall be the beginning in the 2012-2013 Academic Year.

The Committee on Education and Public Libraries hereby reports out Bill No. 198-31 (COR), As Substituted by the Committee, with the recommendation TO PASS

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Bill No. 198-31 (0A)

Introduced by:

Chris M. Dueñas
A.A. Yamashita, Ph.D. *ay*

AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 14 TO DIVISION 3 OF CHAPTER 15, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR ECONOMICALLY-DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS; PROVIDING FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE PROGRAM; AND, CITING THIS ACT AS THE “EVERY CHILD IS ENTITLED TO A HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.”

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7 However, its focus will be to provide economically-disadvantaged students with the ability to
8 experience higher education in hopes that the students assisted will seek out other financial means to
9 remain in school, determine a course of study, and complete a degree program. The emphasis of
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12 University of Guam, and a person who can be of greater benefit to his family with both an exposure
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3 § 151402. Administration of Program.

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6 § 151405. Academic Advisor and Program Contract.

7 § 151406. Scholarships.

8 § 151407. Same: Benefits.

9 § 151408. Reporting Requirements.

10 **§ 151401. The *Every Child is Entitled to a Higher Education Scholarship Program*:**
11 **Creation.** There is hereby created the *Every Child is Entitled to a Higher Education Scholarship*
12 *Program*. Awards granted under this Article *shall* be granted for AY2012-2013 and thereafter.

13 **§ 151402. Administration of Program.** The University of Guam Board of Regents *shall*
14 administer this program pursuant to § 15102 of this Chapter.

15 **§ 151403. Rules and Regulations.** All rules and regulations adopted *prior* to the enactment of
16 this Article *shall* remain effective *unless* they are *amended or repealed* by the Board in a manner
17 consistent with § 15105 of this Chapter.

18 **§ 151404. Selection Committee.** (a) The President of the University *shall* annually establish an
19 Evaluation and Selection Committee (the Committee). The Committee *shall* conduct interviews for
20 the purpose of selecting scholarship recipients under the programs listed within this Article. The
21 passing of the oral interviews and the meeting of established University of Guam entrance and
22 academic requirements *shall* constitute the primary criteria for selection of scholarship recipients.
23 The Board may prescribe additional qualifications for admission to the scholarship programs.

24 (b) Applications for the *Every Child is Entitled to a Higher Education Scholarship Program*
25 *shall* be received by April 30 of every year and applicants *shall* be interviewed at a time and place
26 designated by the Committee *prior* to June 30. Awards *shall* be granted *prior* to July 30 in a written
27 notice to the selected applicant, and the applicant's school administrator, if applicable.

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31 dedicated for a particular use;

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2 made available to eligible employees for re-investment and development; and
3 (d) any other source of funding for which the use of money for the purposes herein is
4 consistent with law.

5 The Program shall make every effort to award up to Five Hundred (500) scholarships annually.

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7 *Higher Education Scholarship Program*”.

8 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.

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Introduced by:
As substituted by the Committee on
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Chris M. Dueñas
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19 ~~beginning of the semester.~~ The first installment shall be payable at the beginning of
20 the recipients' first semester of their freshman year at the University of Guam. The
21 second installment shall be paid in the beginning of the first semester of their senior
22 year at the University of Guam.

23 **§151408. Service Requirements.**

24 (a) Any Student who receives a scholarship pursuant to the provision of this Article,
25 shall be obligated to work on Guam for a period of one year (equivalent to twelve (12)

1 months), commencing six (6) months from the completion of their degree program or
2 six (6) months immediately following non-enrollment from the University of Guam.

3 (b) Any Student granted a scholarship under this Article who fails to fulfill the
4 provisions of this section must repay the full amount of the scholarship. The Board
5 shall establish such policies prescribing the length and terms of repayment, the interest
6 rate to be charged, the collection of delinquent accounts or in the event of a default.

7 (c) If a student is recruited to serve in active duty in a branch of the U.S. Armed
8 Services while in attendance or upon completion of studies, the service credit shall be
9 postponed until such student begins work on Guam, but in no case longer than six (6)
10 years; provided, however, that the student
11 applies for the postponement within ninety (90) days of entering the Armed Services
12 and continues to maintain Guam as such student's place of residence.

13 (d) Death or total and permanent disability of the student shall terminate any
14 obligations herein. Total and permanent disability for purposes of this Section is
15 defined as any physiological or psychological condition that will prevent the student
16 from obtaining or maintaining any form of gainful employment. The Board may defer
17 repayment for temporary disability. Total and permanent disability requires the
18 certification by two (2) physicians licensed to practice in the United States

19 **§ 151408. 151409. Reporting Requirements.** A report *shall* be submitted to the
20 Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* no later than three (3) weeks after the start of each
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17 The Program ~~shall~~ may make every effort to award up to Five Hundred (500)
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COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION & PUBLIC LIBRARIES

**SIGN-IN SHEET
PUBLIC HEARING**
June 23, 2011, 2:00 p.m.

Bill No. 198-31 (COR) - C.M. Duenas / A.A. Yamashita, Ph.D.

An act to add a new Article 14 to Division 3 of Chapter 15, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, relative to establishing a scholarship program for economically-disadvantaged students; providing funding sources for the program, and citing this act as the "Every Child is Entitled to a Higher Education Scholarship Program."

NAME	AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION (IF ANY)	SUPPORT? OPPOSE?	WRITTEN TESTIMONY	ORAL TESTIMONY	CONTACT NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS
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The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Chairperson, Committee on Education & Public Libraries
Speaker, 31st Guam Legislature
155 Hesler Place, Ste. 201
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Buenas yan Hafa Adai Madam Chair and Members of the Guam Legislature

I am here to submit testimony on Bill No. 198 named "Every Child is Entitled to a Higher Education Scholarship Program." This is a very good beginning to deal with a worrisome issue that should demand our long term attention. This is the issue of postsecondary attendance by our high school graduates in Guam.

Currently, approximately 35% of our public high school graduates attend the University of Guam or the Guam Community College. Probably another 5% attend a postsecondary institution elsewhere. This totals approximately 40% whereas the national average is 55% of high school graduates go on to postsecondary institutions. I have referred to this trend in Guam as the "aspiration deficit." Many of our young people simply do not see themselves in college after the graduate. This is particularly true for our young men. Females currently number approximately 60% of our incoming freshmen at the University.

These numbers are worrisome because currently two-thirds of all new jobs across the nation require some form of postsecondary education. Moreover, a Georgetown University study estimates that by the year 2020, some 50% of all new positions will require a bachelor's degree. Under the most ambitious scenario, high school graduates in the year 2016 will go on to a university and graduate in the year 2020 to have an opportunity to not just reach their potential, but have a chance at a financially rewarding career. Those 2016 high school graduates will be in the eighth grade in August of this year. This is a cascading phenomenon which must put postsecondary attendance at the center of educational policy planning and indeed planning for the island's future economy and society.

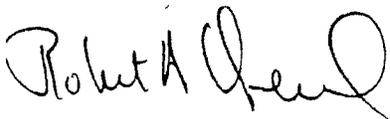
Bill 198 makes a good effort to provide more opportunities to more students. We support the effort with some suggestions for improvement that will help provide opportunities for our young people as well as value for taxpayer funded support.

We want to work with you to expand the program to seniors who are near completion of their degree. One of the most serious issues that any university confronts is the rate of degree completion. We attract fairly good numbers in the beginning year, but we have a serious issue with degree completion. The typical student who graduates takes six years to obtain a bachelor's degree and slightly less than 30% of entering freshmen even complete a degree. We propose splitting the amount being awarded (\$5,000) into two segments. The first \$2,500 would be for the first year of schooling and the second \$2,500 would be for the senior year to actually ensure completion. This will work towards our twin objectives of access and completion. I believe that this will be seen as an innovative by others to a persistent difficulty faced by all colleges and universities.

We would also like to work with you to modify the requirements for an oral interview and instead work on an academic qualifications tied to financial need and recommendations. The prospect of requiring interviews of over 500 students in a short period of time and the possibility of many interpretations given to such interviews can be overwhelming. We can work with you to simply frame it as academically qualified and tie it to various levels of relationship to the poverty line. Many scholarship programs do this with a minimum of effort.

Although there are many possibilities being offered for funding this program, none is specifically secure. We are assuming that there will be no displacement of current SFAP funding. Additionally, there are no funds allocated for administrative costs for this program. At some point this should be considered if the program truly matures, but we can deal with that after implementation. There is also a slight stylistic difference in referring to this as an "entitlement" as opposed to an "opportunity" program. You can understand the implications of labeling something an entitlement as opposed to an opportunity. At the end of the day, we need to establish a college-going culture not because everyone needs an academic education for its own sake, but because everyone will need postsecondary education in the near future.

Thank you for this opportunity to present some ideas and I will be happy to answer any questions.



Robert A. Underwood
President, University of Guam



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Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D., and
Members of the Committee on Education
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31st Guam Legislature
155 Hesler Place
Hagatna, Guam 96910

Re: Testimony regarding Bills No. 192-31, 193-31, and 198-31.

Honorable Speaker Won Pat and Committee Members,

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to come before you today to present my testimony in support of Bill No. 192-31, the ""Growing Guam's Work Force Scholarship Program;" Bill No. 193-31, the "Building Guam's Trades Scholarship Program;" and Bill No. 198-31, the "Every Child is Entitled to a Higher Education Scholarship Program."

The Guam Community College lauds the intent of all three of these bills, the first two having been authored by Senator Chris Duenas, and Bill 198-31, co-authored by Senators Duenas and Dr. Aline Yamashita.

GCC does, however, have one recommendation. We highly recommend adding additional language that specifically states, "after exhausting all federal sources that may be available for economically disadvantaged students, such as PELL grants, Workforce Investment Act funding, or other sources." The addition of this phrase into each of these three pieces of legislation will prevent any attempt to supplant federal funds by the use of local resources to provide for these scholarships. In addition, the College recognizes the need to incorporate an assessment tool similar to the nationally recognized WorkKeys System for Job Analysis, Assessment and Training, to support the implementation of these proposed scholarship programs. Such an assessment tool would insure that the student receiving the scholarship would possess the necessary basic educational skills to be able to pursue the training required, and if the student needed additional training, would provide that additional training through a self-study program.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the proposed changes to our enabling legislation at this time.

Sincerely,


Carmen Kwek Santos, CPA,
Acting President

Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Fiscal Note of Bill No. 198-31 (COR)

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Department/Agency Appropriation Information	
Dept./Agency Affected: University of Guam	Dept./Agency Head: Dr. Robert Underwood
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:	31,960,107
Department's Other Fund (Specify) appropriation(s) to date: Healthy Futures Fund (HFF), Guma Highway Fund (GHF), Tourist Attraction Fund (TAF)	1,549,998
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$33,510,105

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation			
	General Fund:	(Specify Special Fund):	Total:
FY 2010 Unreserved Fund Balance		\$0	\$0
FY 2011 Adopted Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2011 Appro. (P.L. 30-196)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-total:	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less appropriation in Bill	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total:	\$0	\$0	\$0

Estimated Fiscal Impact of Bill						
	One Full Fiscal Year	For Remainder of FY 2011 (if applicable)	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
(Specify Special Fund)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

- Does the bill contain "revenue generating" provisions? / / Yes /X/ No
If Yes, see attachment
- Is amount appropriated adequate to fund the intent of the appropriation? /X/ N/A / / Yes / / No
If no, what is the additional amount required? \$ _____ / / N/A
- Does the Bill establish a new program/agency? / / Yes / / No
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Is there a federal mandate to establish the program/agency? / / Yes / / No
- Will the enactment of this Bill require new physical facilities? / / Yes /X/ No
- Was Fiscal Note coordinated with the affected dept/agency? If no, indicate reason: / / Yes /X/ No
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Analyst (s): Joe Certeza *JK* Date: 05/23/2011 Director: *[Signature]* Date: 6/7/11
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Footnotes:
The Bill has a potential fiscal impact for additional funding requirements. However, in its present form, such impact cannot be determined at this time.



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May 13, 2011

MEMORANDUM

To: Pat Santos
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Attorney Therese M. Terlaje
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From: Senator Rory J. Respicio
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Subject: Referral of Bills No. 196-31 (COR) through 199-31 (COR)

As Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of Bills No. 196-31(COR) through 199-31 (COR).

Please ensure that the subject bills are referred, in my name, to the respective committee, as shown on the attachment. I also request that the same be forwarded to all Senators of *I Mina'trentai Unu na Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 472-7679.

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198-31 (COR)	Chris M. Dueñas, A. A. Yamashita, Ph.D.	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 14 TO DIVISION 3 OF CHAPTER 15, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR ECONOMICALLY-DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS; PROVIDING FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE PROGRAM; AND, CITING THIS ACT AS THE "EVERY CHILD IS ENTITLED TO A HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM."	5/12/11 11:40 a.m.	5/13/11		Committee on Education & Public Libraries			

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Subject: Notice of Public Hearing

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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the 31st Guam Legislature
From: Committee on Education and Public Libraries
Subject: Notice of Public Hearing - First Notice

COMMISSIONER
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The Committee on Education and Public Libraries has scheduled a public hearing for Thursday, June 23, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in the Public Hearing Room of the Guam Legislature Building on the following:

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- The appointment of Juan T. San Nicolas to serve as a member, Guam Commission for Educating Certification
- Bill No. 177-31 (LS) - A.A. Yamasita, Ph.D. / A.B. Palarin, Sr. An act to add a new § 31122 of Article 1, Chapter 3, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated relative to creating a safe schools program: School Crime Stopper.
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- Bill No. 176-11 (LJ) - V.A. Ado / F.F. Blaz, Jr. An act to add a new Article 6 to Chapter 6 of Title 17C.A. relative to authorizing the Department of Education to create and implement a voluntary preschool pilot program.
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- Bill No. 122-11 (CDB) - A.A. Yamasita, Ph.D. An act to repeal § 6108 of Chapter 9, Article I of Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, relative to sick persons.
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Public Hearing Agenda

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Bill No. 198-31 (0A)

Introduced by:

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A.A. Yamashita, Ph.D. *ay*

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AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 14 TO DIVISION 3 OF CHAPTER 15, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR ECONOMICALLY-DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS; PROVIDING FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE PROGRAM; AND, CITING THIS ACT AS THE “EVERY CHILD IS ENTITLED TO A HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.”

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Intent. A review of the financial assistance programs available to students planning to attend the University of Guam indicates two main themes -- academic achievement and awards based upon a concentration in a specific field of study. The “*Every Child is Entitled to a Higher Education Scholarship Program*” will continue to acknowledge academic achievement as a main theme and factor in the eligibility for assistance to be offered herein. However, its focus will be to provide economically-disadvantaged students with the ability to experience higher education in hopes that the students assisted will seek out other financial means to remain in school, determine a course of study, and complete a degree program. The emphasis of offering an enticement to experience higher education could be the difference between a person who needs to immediately work to support his family and who cannot afford the costs to attend the University of Guam, and a person who can be of greater benefit to his family with both an exposure to higher education and, perhaps, a college degree.

Section 2. A new Article 14 is added to Division 3 of Chapter 15, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated to read:

**“ARTICLE 14.
“EVERY CHILD IS ENTITLED TO**

1 ***A HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM***

2 § 151401. *The Every Child is Entitled to a Higher Education Scholarship Program: Creation.*

3 § 151402. Administration of Program.

4 § 151403. Rules and Regulations.

5 § 151404. Selection Committee.

6 § 151405. Academic Advisor and Program Contract.

7 § 151406. Scholarships.

8 § 151407. Same: Benefits.

9 § 151408. Reporting Requirements.

10 **§ 151401. *The Every Child is Entitled to a Higher Education Scholarship Program:***
11 **Creation.** There is hereby created the *Every Child is Entitled to a Higher Education Scholarship*
12 *Program*. Awards granted under this Article *shall* be granted for AY2012-2013 and thereafter.

13 **§ 151402. Administration of Program.** The University of Guam Board of Regents *shall*
14 administer this program pursuant to § 15102 of this Chapter.

15 **§ 151403. Rules and Regulations.** All rules and regulations adopted *prior* to the enactment of
16 this Article *shall* remain effective *unless* they are *amended or repealed* by the Board in a manner
17 consistent with § 15105 of this Chapter.

18 **§ 151404. Selection Committee.** (a) The President of the University *shall* annually establish an
19 Evaluation and Selection Committee (the Committee). The Committee *shall* conduct interviews for
20 the purpose of selecting scholarship recipients under the programs listed within this Article. The
21 passing of the oral interviews and the meeting of established University of Guam entrance and
22 academic requirements *shall* constitute the primary criteria for selection of scholarship recipients.
23 The Board may prescribe additional qualifications for admission to the scholarship programs.

24 (b) Applications for the *Every Child is Entitled to a Higher Education Scholarship Program*
25 *shall* be received by April 30 of every year and applicants *shall* be interviewed at a time and place
26 designated by the Committee *prior* to June 30. Awards *shall* be granted *prior* to July 30 in a written
27 notice to the selected applicant, and the applicant's school administrator, if applicable.

28 **§ 151405. Academic Advisor and Program Contract.** Each program scholarship recipient
29 *shall* have an academic advisor who, with the student, *shall* develop a complete academic plan that
30 would result in the granting of the applicable degree within the prescribed period of time. This plan

1 *shall* be examined by the appropriate University official, as determined by the Board, and upon
2 approval, *shall* constitute a contract between the student and the University.

3 **§ 151406. Scholarships.** The *Every Child is Entitled to a Higher Education Scholarship*
4 *Program shall* consist of students who have declared their intention to attend the University of
5 Guam. Scholarship may be awarded to eligible students who meet the following criteria:

- 6 (a) *bona fide* residents of Guam;
- 7 (b) citizens *or* permanent resident aliens of the United States;
- 8 (c) seniors *or* graduates of an accredited high school with a cumulative grade point
9 average of *not less than* 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, *or* its equivalent;
- 10 (d) Official acceptance to the University of Guam in accordance with its admissions
11 policies;
- 12 (e) Demonstrate financial need, which shall be determined by regulations authorized
13 by § 15105 of Article 1 of this Chapter. In addition, the applicant must complete a 'Free Application
14 for Federal Student Aid' ('FAFSA') form as documentary evidence of need;

15 **§ 151407. Same: Benefits.** (a) Students entitled to scholarships pursuant to § 151406 of this
16 Article *shall* receive the following benefit: a scholarship in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars
17 (\$5,000.00), issued in two (2) equal installments of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2500.00)
18 each, with each installment payable at the beginning of the semester.

19 **§ 151408. Reporting Requirements.** A report *shall* be submitted to the Speaker of *I*
20 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* no later than three (3) weeks after the start of each semester which, at the
21 very least, *shall* contain the following information: the total number of recipients for that semester,
22 sorted by new and continuing recipients; the total number of recipients that completed their degree
23 program in the *prior* semester; the total amount expended for the *prior* semester for any activity
24 related to the program; and any other information that *I Lihselatura* will deem helpful in the review
25 of the program.”

26 **Section 3. Funding Sources.** Funding to administer and conduct the program in this
27 Article *may* come from any or all of the following sources:

- 28 (a) direct appropriation by *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* for the express purpose of funding the
29 program created by this Article;
- 30 (b) public investments from GEDA’s Qualifying Certificate Program, not already
31 dedicated for a particular use;

- 1 (c) company donations to a “Qualified Tuition Program, also known as a 529 program”
2 made available to eligible employees for re-investment and development; and
3 (d) any other source of funding for which the use of money for the purposes herein is
4 consistent with law.

5 The Program shall make every effort to award up to Five Hundred (500) scholarships annually.

6 **Section 4. Short Title.** This Act shall be known as the “*Every Child is Entitled to a*
7 *Higher Education Scholarship Program*”.

8 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.