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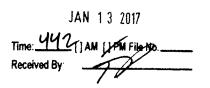
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Honorable Benjamin J. F. Cruz Speaker *I Mina'trentai Kuåtro Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* 155 Hesler Street Hagåtña, Guam 96910

61434-17-053 Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz



Dear Speaker Cruz:

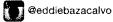
Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 392-33(COR),"AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 4129 TO ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 4, TITLE 4, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EMPLOYEE LEAVE FOR PARENTAL PARTICIPATION IN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION PROGRAMS FOR NON-SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN; AND TO CITE THIS ACT AS THE "EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION LEAVE ACT OF 2016," which was signed into law on January 9, 2017, as Public Law 33-230.

Senseramente, RAX TENORIO

I Maga'låhen Guåhan, para pa'go Acting Governor of Guam

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I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2016 (SECOND) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUAHAN

This is to certify that Bill No. 392-33 (COR), "AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW § 4129 TO ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 4, TITLE 4, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EMPLOYEE LEAVE FOR PARENTAL PARTICIPATION IN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION PROGRAMS FOR NON-SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN; AND TO CITE THIS ACT AS THE "EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION LEAVE ACT OF 2016," was on the 30th day of December 2016, duly and regularly passed.

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker

Tina Rose Muña Barnes Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by I Maga'låhen Guåhan this _____ day of DEC,

2016, at $\underline{\vartheta}$: $\underline{\vartheta}$ o'clock $\underline{\varphi}$. M.

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APPROVED:

EDWARD J.B. CALVO I Maga'låhen Guåhan

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Bill No. 392-33 (COR)

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW § 4129 TO ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 4, TITLE 4, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EMPLOYEE LEAVE FOR PARENTAL PARTICIPATION IN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION PROGRAMS FOR NON-SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN; AND TO CITE THIS ACT AS THE "EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION LEAVE ACT OF 2016."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Short Title. This Act *shall* be cited as the "Early Childhood

3 Intervention Leave Act of 2016."

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Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds 1 Section 2. 2 that Executive Order 98-16 recognized a need for parents to have the flexibility to 3 support and participate in their children's school functions, programs, meetings and other activities deemed necessary by school administrators and officials. 4 Administrative leave was authorized for participation in the "Governor's Parental 5 Involvement Initiative" dependent upon the employer's, department's, or agency's 6 7 mission. This parental participation in school activities is found to be beneficial for child development and growth, both mentally and academically. 8

9 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the administrative leave granted by 10 the "Governor's Parental Involvement Initiative" did not extend to parents of non-11 school aged children with a developmental delay or disability that require early 12 intervention instruction and services by the Guam Early Childhood Intervention 13 System, a Division of Special Education of the Department of Education.

Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to add a new § 4129 to Article 1 of Chapter 4, Title 4, Guam Code Annotated, relative to employee leave for parental participation in early childhood intervention programs for non-school aged children enrolled in the Guam Early Childhood Intervention System, a Division of Special Education of the Department of Education, which *shall* be cited as the "Early Childhood Intervention Leave Act of 2016."

Section 3. A new § 4129 is hereby *added* to Article 1 of Chapter 4, Title 4,
Guam Code Annotated, to read:

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"§ 4129. Early Childhood Intervention Leave Act of 2016.

(a) Any employee of the government of Guam who is a parent of a
child with a developmental delay or disability, and who is not otherwise
prohibited from such contact with his or her child by order of a court, *shall* be
granted administrative leave for the purposes of meeting, supporting, and
participating in his or her child's early childhood intervention learning

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activities at home, in the community, or in a controlled setting under the guidance of the Guam Early Childhood Intervention System, a Division of Special Education of the Department of Education. The amount of administrative leave *shall* be as follows:

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5 (1) two (2) hours per pay period of administrative leave for 6 the purposes of meeting, supporting, and participating in his or her 7 child's early childhood intervention learning activities at home, in the 8 community, or in a controlled setting under the guidance of the Guam 9 Early Childhood Intervention System, a Division of Special Education 10 of the Department of Education;

(2) in the event that a representative from the Department of
Education, Special Education Division, determines that more time is
required based on the needs of the child and their activities, additional
administrative leave hours may be granted, but is dependent upon the
approval of the employee's supervisor for the good of the department,
agency, or instrumentality of the government of Guam.

17 A meeting with a representative of the Guam Early Childhood (b) Intervention System, a Division of Special Education of the Department of 18 19 Education, to support and participate in his or her child's early childhood intervention learning activities at home, in the community, or in a controlled 2021 setting *shall* be considered as attendance at an official meeting/conference under Rule No. 8.402 of the Personnel Rules and Regulations of the 22 23 Department of Administration for the purposes of eligibility for administrative 24 leave.

(c) The employee's supervisor may require up to a five (5) day
notice from the employee prior to the date of the meeting or activity for which
administrative leave is being requested. If a five (5) day notice is not available,

documentation may be required from the Department of Education Special Education Division as to the urgency of the meeting or activity.

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(d) For the purposes of meeting, supporting, and participating in his
or her child's early childhood intervention learning activities at home, in the
community, or in a controlled setting under the guidance of the Guam Early
Childhood Intervention System, the employee *shall* provide certification of
the dates and times of the activities to their respective supervisor upon
returning to work or as required by the supervisor.

9 (e) This provision *shall* apply to an employee who is the parent or 10 legal guardian of a non-school aged child with a developmental delay or 11 disability, and who is enrolled in the Guam Early Childhood Intervention 12 System, a Division of Special Education of the Department of Education, and 13 who is not otherwise prohibited from such contact with his or her child by 14 order of a court."

15 Section 4. Notification of the "Early Childhood Intervention Leave Act 16 of 2016." Upon the enactment of this Act, the Department of Administration *shall* 17 provide notification of the "Early Childhood Intervention Leave Act of 2016" to all 18 employees of all autonomous and non-autonomous, departments, agencies, and 19 instrumentalities of the government of Guam.