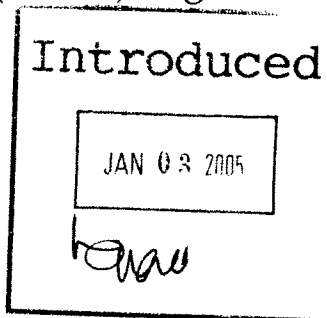


MINA' BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
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Bill No. 17(15)

Introduced by:



Ray Tenorio 

AN ACT TO ADD A NEW §§(16) TO §3112(a) OF CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 1 OF TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GUAM EDUCATION POLICY BOARD; TO AMEND §3121 OF CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 1 OF TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO MANDATING THE INCLUSION OF SPENDING PRIORITIES FOR THE GUAM PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM'S FISCAL YEAR BUDGET; THIS ACT SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE "STUDENTS FIRST ACT".

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Short Title. This act shall be known as the "Students First  
3 Act".

4 Section 2. Legislative Statement. The re-introduction of the elected  
5 school board comes on the heels of public outcry for improvements to many  
6 facets of the Guam Public School System. One of the loudest cries has been,  
7 and continues to be, the need to prioritize the funding of those budgetary  
8 items that directly impact teaching and learning. It is the intent of *I*  
9 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* to empower the newly-elected members of the Guam  
10 Education Policy Board to exercise their collective judgement in approving a

1 fiscal year budget as presented by the Superintendent that takes into  
2 consideration the needs of the Department, while balancing those needs  
3 against the economic and fiscal realities.

4 **Section 3. A new §§(16) is added to §3112(a) of Chapter 3, Article 1 of**  
5 **Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, relative to the duties and responsibilities**  
6 **of the Guam Education Policy Board.** A new §§(16) is added to §3112(a) of  
7 Chapter 3, Article 1 of Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, relative to the duties  
8 and responsibilities of the Guam Education Policy Board to read:

9 “(16) Review and approve by Board resolution the spending  
10 priorities as outlined in the fiscal year budget for the Department.”

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12 **Section 4. Amendment to §3121 of Chapter 3, Article 1 of Title 17,**  
13 **Guam Code Annotated.** §3121 of Chapter 3, Article 1 of Title 17, Guam Code  
14 Annotated, relative to the preparation of the Department’s fiscal year budget  
15 is amended to read:

16 “§3121. **Budget.** The Superintendent shall prepare the Department’s  
17 fiscal year budget. When formulating the fiscal year budget for the  
18 Department, the Superintendent shall recommend for Board approval the  
19 spending priorities, with top priority given to those budgetary items that  
20 directly impact teaching and learning. The budget shall include a Board  
21 resolution indicating its approval of the budget submission and its funding  
22 priorities. The budget request for the non-personnel categories of each  
23 decentralized school shall be submitted as a separate line-item, by school, of  
24 the Department. “