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Office of the Governor of Guam

March 8, 2013

Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D

Speaker

I Mina'trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

155 Hesler Street

Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Cacc of the Speaker

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D.

Date 3/19

Time 3:10.0M

Dear Madame Speaker:

Attached is Bill No. 8-32 (COR) entitled "An act to appropriate to the Department of Education all additional revenue derived from the expiration of any part of the Bush Tax Cuts," which was enacted into law without the signature of i Maga'lahen Guåhan as Public Law 32-006.

Although new Public Law 32-006 appropriates all revenue derived from the expiration of the federal "Bush Tax Cuts" to the Department of Education (DOE), I urge *i Liheslatura* to also consider programming some of the funds towards some of the unfunded mandates, most especially the 2012 tax refunds.

Senseramente,

**EDDIE BAZA CALVO** 

## I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2013 (FIRST) Regular Session

# CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that **Bill No. 8-32** (COR), "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ALL ADDITIONAL REVENUE DERIVED FROM THE EXPIRATION OF ANY PART OF THE BUSH TAX CUTS", was on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2013, duly and regularly passed.

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by I Maga'lahen Guåhan this day of Fels., 2013, at 4:00 o'clock o.M.

Assistant Staff Officer Maga'lahi's Office
APPROVED:

EDWARD J.B. CALVO

I Maga'lahen Guåhan

Public Law No. 32-006

Date: March 8, 2013

## I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2013 (FIRST) Regular Session

**Bill No. 8-32 (COR)** 

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ALL ADDITIONAL REVENUE DERIVED FROM THE EXPIRATION OF ANY PART OF THE BUSH TAX CUTS.

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that it is clear that, through inaction or deliberate policy of the federal government, some or part of the "Bush Tax Cuts" will expire in 2013, with a resulting increase in federal income tax revenue. This will impact on government of Guam revenues as well, because most of the government's revenues are raised from the Territorial Income Tax, which "mirrors" federal income tax law. Consequently, any changes to the federal income tax will automatically change the Territorial Income Tax

with an attendant increase in revenues. Such changes were *not* factored into the revenue estimate for the Government of Guam's 2013 Budget as enacted by Public Law 31-233. Any additional revenue to come from the expiration of all or part of the Bush Tax Cuts is therefore unappropriated. *I Liheslatura* finds that these additional revenues should be utilized in support of education of our island's children and should therefore be appropriated to the Department of Education.

Section 2. Within 30 days of the enactment of this Act, the Director of Revenue and Taxation *shall* provide a written estimate of the additional revenue that would accrue to the government of Guam as a result of the expiration of any part of the Bush Tax Cuts, which were originally enacted as part of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 (EGTRRA) and extended by the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 (JGTRRA) and the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010. This estimate *shall* be transmitted immediately upon completion to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Section 3. There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Education those additional revenues as a result of the expiration of all or part of the Bush Tax Cuts, as determined by the Director of Revenue and Taxation in accordance of Section 2 of this Act. The Superintendent of Education is authorized to utilize this appropriation to fund school operations and school repairs and renovations as provided for by Public Law 31-229.