#### FIFTEENTH GUAN LEGISLATURE 1979 (FIRST) Regular Session

## CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 198, "An Act to add Chapter XVII to Title XII of the Government Code to provide alternative education programs in the secondary schools of Guam", was on the 11th day of May 1979, only and regularly passed.

ATTESTED: JAMES H. UNDERWOOD Legislative Secretary This Act was received by the Governor this day of 1979, at 10:00 o'clock

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Bill No. 198 (As Substituted by the Committee on Education)

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AN ACT TO ADD CHAPTER XVII TO TITLE XII OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS OF GUAM.

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

Section 1. A new Chapter XVII is added to Title XII of the Government Code to read:

#### "CHAPTER XVII

# Alternative Education

Section 11999.15. Definitions. As used in this Chapter:

- (a) 'student' means a student enrolled or accepted for enrollment in an alternative education program;
- (b) 'alternative education program' or 'program' means a wide ranging system of alternative programs significantly different from the conventional curricula of the public secondary school system which is open to students on an optional basis; and

(c) 'joint board' means the Territorial Board of Education and the Board of Trustees of the Guam Community College.

Section 11999.16. Organization. The joint board shall promulgate policies, rules and regulations governing the alternative education program.

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Section 11999.17. Curriculum. The alternative education program shall consist of a curriculum that would permit those students who do not profit from the conventional classroom program to pursue studies that would permit completion of basic life skills, career guidance, including work experience which would take into consideration an open entry-open exit procedure for enrolling and discharging students.

Section 11999.18. Students may enroll in the alternative education program at the beginning of an academic period and may withdraw from the program only at the end of said period. A student shall be admitted to the program:

- (1) at the request of the student and his parents;
- (2) at the request of at least three (3) of the student's teachers with the consent of the student's guidance counselor, principal and the student himself and the student's parents;
- (3) at the request of the administrator of the Pupil Personnel Office of the department with the consent of the student and his parents; and
- (4) at the direction of a judge of the Superior Court.

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Section 11999.19. Community involvement. The joint board shall endeavor to obtain the participation of the community as a major part of the alternative education program. This participation shall consist among other things, the utilization of community resources in employment, and on-the-job training, and the use of parents, professionals, technicians, clergy, government leaders and other talented members of the community of teachers or resource personnel in the education and training of students in the program.

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Section 11999.20. Designation. The joint board shall designate the school(s) for the implementation of the alternative education program.

Section 11999.21. Funding. The joint board shall prepare a budget for implementation of the alternative education program and submit same to the Legislature no later than six (6) months before the beginning of each academic year.

Section 11999.22. Screening committee. Each school authorized to establish a program shall have a screening committee to assist the program staff in determining the eligibility of students referred for enrollment in the program. Members of such committee shall be appointed by the principal of the participating school.

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Section 11999.23. Credits and certification. The joint board shall establish policies on credits and certification requirements for the program. Such policies shall include credits to be earned for each course or combination of courses and work experience. Credits earned in the program may be applied to the requirements for graduation from the traditional high school course for students who withdraw from the program.

Section 11999.24. Certificates for graduating students. The joint board shall adopt a certification standard which awards the student for competencies acquired through the program. Such certification shall state the student's employability in an occupational area or the obtaining of credentials required for acceptance in a more advanced educational or technical program."