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The Honorable Joe T. San Agustin Speaker, Twenty-First Guam Legislature 155 Hessler Street Agana, Guam 96910

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 179, which I have signed into law this date as Public Law 21-11.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH F. ADA

Governor

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# TWENTY-FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE 1991 (FIRST) Regular Session

### CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 179 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND §§6401, 6402, 6403, 6404, 6405, 6406, AND 6410, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, TO EXTEND TO THE GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE THE REQUIREMENT FOR REPORTING TRUANCY TO COURT," was on the 3rd day of April, 1991, duly and regularly passed.

	Speaker	
Attested:		
PILAR C. LUJAN Senator and Legislative Secretary		
This Act was received by the April 1991, at 3.15	Governor this All day day o'clockm.	of
APPRQVED:	Assistant Staff Officer Governor's Office	
JOSEPH F. ADA		
Governor of Guam Date: APR 19 1991		
Public Law No. 21-11		

### TWENTY-FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE 1991 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 179 (COR) As Substituted by the Committee on Education

Introduced by:

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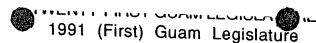
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Bill No. 179 Resolution No Question:	Date: <u>4/3/</u>			
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1. AGUON, John Perez				
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3. BAMBA. J. George	~			
4. BLAZ, Anthony Crisostomo				
5. BROOKS, Doris Flores				
6. DIERKING, Herminia Duenas				
7. DUENAS, Edward Ramirez				
8. ESPALDON, Ernesto M. (M.D.)				
9. GUTIERREZ, Carl T. C.				
10. LUJAN, Pilar Cruz	<u>/</u>			
11. MAILLOUX, Gordon				
12. MANIBUSAN, Marilyn D. A.				
13. PARKINSON. Don				
14. REIDY, Michael				
15. RUTH, Martha Cruz				
16. SAN AGUSTIN, Joe Taitano				
17. SANTOS, Francisco Rivera				
18. SHIMIZU, David L. G. (M.D.)				
19. TANAKA, Thomas V. C.				
20. UNPINGCO, Antonio Reyes				



# Office of the Speaker

### TWENTY-FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE

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April 3, 1991

Honorable Joe T. San Agustin Speaker Twenty-First Guam Legislature 155 Hesler Street Agana, Guam 96910

VIA: Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Dear Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Education, to which Bill No. 179 was referred, wishes to report its findings and recommendations.

The Committee voting record is as follows:

To do pass

To not pass

To report out

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A copy of the report and all other pertinent documents are attached for your information.

Sincerely,

Chairman

Committee on Education

attachments

# VOTE SHEET COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

# BILL NO. 179 "AN ACT TO EXTENDING TO THE GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE THE REQUIREMENT FOR REPORTING TRUANCY TO COURT."

SENATOR A	TO DO <u>PASS</u>	TO NOT PASS	TO REPORT OUT	<u>COMMENTS</u>
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Vice-Chairperson				
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SENATOR HERMINIA DI DIERKING				
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SENATOR EDWARD R. DUENAS	1	MARKET AND ASSESSMENT		
Member				

### VOTE SHEET COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION BILL NO. 179

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Member D.A. MANIBUSAN		,		
SENATOR THOMAS V.C. TANAKA Member				

# COMMITTEE REPORT ON BILL NO. 179

"AN ACT EXTENDING TO THE GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE THE REQUIREMENT FOR REPORTING TRUANCY TO COURT."

The Committee on Education held a public hearing on Bill No. 179 on March 7, 1991. Testifying before the Committee was John T. Cruz, President, Guam Community College and a written testimony submitted by Perry C. Taitano, Administrative Director of the Superior Court. (See Exhibit E).

### **BACKGROUND**

Bill No. 179 was referred to the Committee on Education on February 13, 1991. This bill was sponsored by Senator Ernesto Espaldon. A fiscal note was requested from the Bureau of Budget & Management Research (BBMR) on February 20, 1991. However, BBMR requests that Bill No. 179 be granted a waiver because the proposed legislation is administrative in nature and poses no fiscal impact on the General Fund. (See Exhibit B).

### TESTIMONY

On the March 7, hearing, a written testimony was heard from Mr. John T. Cruz, President of the Guam Community College (GCC), who appeared before the Committee members. There were recommendations for amendments to Bill No. 179. (See Exhibit C). These recommendations which are being proposed would give GCC the same legal authority and responsibility for dealing with truancy in its Vocational High School, just the same as the Department of Educaton. It will also insure that the requirement for reporting truancy to the court is properly extended to GCC.

A written testimony was submitted by Perry C. Taitano, Administrative Director of the Courts in support of Bill No. 179 as well. He stated that GCC should have the same rights under the Educational Law that the Department of Education has in petitioning the Family Court on all truant matters affecting the college. (See Exhibit D)

The Committee members raised some questions concerning what standards of measures are being taken before reporting truancy to the courts. It was also noted that a comparative study is needed to find out the drop-out rates of students in the school.

### COMMITTEE FINDINGS

The Committee feels that some form of early intervention should be considered more thoroughly by GCC before using the courts as a last resort to solve truancy in their school. Also, the word "Dean" will be taken into consideration to be amended because the school uses this in reference to the Principal of the school.

### COMMITTEE RECOMENDATION

The Committee hereby recommends passage of Bill No. 179, as substituted. (See Exhibit A).

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### BUREAU OF BUDGET & MANAGEMENT RESEARCH OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, POST OFFICE BOX 2950, Agong, Guarn 9493



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gra	nted a	waiver	pursuant	t to	Public	Law	12-229	for	the	following
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Bill No. 179 is an act to amend Sections 6401, 6402, 6403 and 6410 of Title 17 of Guam Code Annotated. The intent of this proposed legislation is an act extending to Guam Community College the requirement of reporting truancy to Court.

The proposed legislation is administrative in nature and poses no fiscal impact on the General Fund.

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#### TESTIMONY

BILL NO. 179: "AN ACT EXTENDING TO THE GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE THE REQUIREMENT FOR REPORTING TRUANCY TO THE COURT." Submitted to the Committee on Education, on March 7, 1991.

The Guam Community College (GCC) supports the passage of Bill 179 with some amendments. We feel that enactment of this measure with the amendments we propose would give the College the same legal authority and responsibility for dealing with truancy in its Vocational High School as the Department of Education has. Although the College has and still does handle truancy in much the same manner that the Department of Education does and does so under the authority established in its enabling Act, we welcome this measure and the clear and firm legal foundation it would provide us for managing high school truancy.

I would offer the following recommendations for amendment to Bill 179:

- o Section 2, 6402 Habitual Truant
  - Line 3 should be amended to read "...truant, the / principal or Dean of his school..."
- o Section 3, 6403 Attendance Officer
  - Line 2 should be amended to read "...shall appoint [an] employees of the..."
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O Section 4 of Bill 179 should become Section 7.

We feel that these modifications would strengthen Bill 179 and insure that the requirement for reporting truancy to the court is properly extended to Guam Community College. I have taken the liberty of enclosing what we would hope Bill 179 would look like with these modifications. We hope the committee will consider and incorporate our recommendations.

Thank you for this opportunity to present input from Guam Community College.

Sincerely,

JOHN T. CRUZ

President

JTC/mgc

Enclosure

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### **Superior Court of Guam**

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Presiding Judge

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> Telephone: 472-8961 thru 9 (Extensions 240/241)

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Gregory J. Perez, Acting Chief Probation Officer

PERRY C. TAITANO

Administrative Director

of the Courts

March 6, 1991

The Honorable Joe T. San Agustin Speaker, Twenty-First Guam Legislature Chairman, Committee on Education P.O. Box CB-1 Agana, GU 96910

Re: Input on Bill No. 179

Dear Mr. Speaker:

The Superior Court of Guam, supports Bill No. 179 intention in granting the Guam Community College the same rights under the Educational law that the Department of Education has in Petitioning the Family Court on all truant matters affecting the college. Every student on island should be treated equally if they are still within the compulsory age to attend school in Guam, whether it be under the Department of Education school system or Guam Community College as written under Chapter 6, Title 17, Section 6102. G.C.A.

Should you have questions, please feel free to contact me at 475-3443.

Sincerely,

PERRY C. TALITAN

Administrative Director of the Courts

Introduced

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