



CARL T.C. GUTIERREZ
GOVERNOR OF GUAM

JUL 10 2000

The Honorable Joanne M. S. Brown
Legislative Secretary
I Mina'Bente Singko na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Twenty-Fifth Guam Legislature
Suite 200
130 Aspinal Street
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY	
ACKNOWLEDGMENT RECEIPT	
Received By	<u>[Signature]</u>
Time	<u>10:30 am</u>
Date	<u>7. 10. 00</u>

Dear Legislative Secretary Brown:

Enclosed please find Bill No. 422 (LS), "AN ACT TO AMEND §6102 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 6, DIVISION 2 OF TITLE 17 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CLARIFYING THE COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGE RANGE FOR CHILDREN ON GUAM", which was signed into law **Public Law No. 25-153**.

Previous law stated that the compulsory age for school attendance was "between" 5 and 16, allowing an interpretation that 5-year-olds are not required to attend school (kindergarten). The language now states that children who are "at least five and have not reached the age of sixteen" must attend school, making it clear that kindergarten, the program designed for 5-year-olds, is mandatory. All parents of 5-year-olds should enroll their children in kindergarten, as research has shown that those children attending a kindergarten are more socialized and successful in the primary grades.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
Carl T. C. Gutierrez
I Maga'Lahen Guåhan
Governor of Guam

Attachment: copy attached for signed bill or overridden bill
original attached for vetoed bill

cc: The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco
Speaker

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MINA'BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
2000 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

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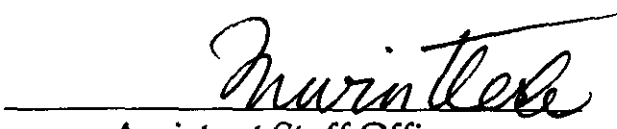

ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO
Speaker

Attested:


JOANNE M.S. BROWN

Senator and Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahen Guahan* this 29th day of June, 2000,
at 8:20 o'clock 9.M.


Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'lahi's Office

APPROVED:


CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
I Maga'lahen Guahan

Date: 7-10-00

Public Law No. 25-153

1 **"Section 6102. Duty to Send Children to School. Any**
2 parent, guardian or other person having control or charge of any child
3 who is *at least* five (5) years of age and has *not* reached the age of
4 sixteen (16) years, *not* exempted under the provisions of this Article,
5 shall send the child to a public or private full-time day school for the
6 full-time of which such schools are in session, *except* that the starting
7 date of school for children five (5) years of age shall be determined by
8 the provisions of §§6103 and 6104 of this Article.

9 The Director of Education is authorized to establish attendance
10 areas.

11 Any parent, guardian or other person having control or charge of
12 any such child who is *at least* five (5) years of age and has *not* reached
13 the age of sixteen (16) years who fails to comply with the provisions of
14 this Section, *unless* excused or exempted therefrom, is guilty of a
15 violation for the first offense, and subject to a fine of *not more than* Fifty
16 Dollars (\$50.00). For each subsequent offense, the person is guilty of a
17 petty misdemeanor."



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MINA' BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
TWENTY-FIFTH GUAM LEGISLATURE
155 Hesler Street, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

June 28, 2000

The Honorable Carl T.C. Gutierrez
I Maga'lahaen Guahan
Ufisinan I Maga'lahi
Hagåtña, Guam 96910



Dear *Maga'lahi* Gutierrez:

Transmitted herewith are Substitute Bill Nos. 165(COR), 354(LS), 422(LS), 427(COR), 428(COR) & 439(COR) and Bill Nos. 402(COR), 419(LS) & 423(LS) which were passed by *I Mina'Bente Singko Na Liheslaturan Guahan* on June 23, 2000.

Sincerely,

JOANNE M.S. BROWN

Senator and Legislative Secretary

Enclosure

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CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
I Maga'lahaen Guahan

Date: _____

Public Law No. _____

MINA'BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2000 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No 422 (LS)

As substituted by
the Committee on Education and
amended.

Introduced by:

L. F. Kasperbauer
V. C. Pangelinan
K. S. Moylan
F. B. Aguon Jr.
E. C. Bermudes
A. C. Blaz
J. M.S. Brown
E. B. Calvo
M. G. Camacho
Mark Forbes
A. C. Lamorena, V
C. A. Leon Guerrero
J. C. Salas
S. A. Sanchez, II
A. R. Unpingco

**AN ACT TO AMEND §6102 OF ARTICLE 1,
CHAPTER 6, DIVISION 2 OF TITLE 17 OF THE
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AGE RANGE FOR CHILDREN ON GUAM.**

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1.** Section 6102 of Article 1, Chapter 6, Division 2 of Title 17 of
3 the Guam Code Annotated is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

IX TRANSMISSION CHECKLIST TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUAHAN
(Included in File w/ All Bills Transmitted)

§ BILL NO. 424 (13)

- EXHIBITS ATTACHED *W015*
- CONFIRM NUMBER OF PAGES *2*
- CAPTION ON CERTIFICATION MATCHES BILL CAPTION
- ENGROSSED SIGN "*" REMOVED FROM BILL
- 15 SENATORS IN SPONSORSHIP OR CONFIRM OTHERWISE
- CERTIFICATION SIGNED BY SPEAKER & LEGIS. SECRETARY
- EMERGENCY DECLARATION, if any

Confirmed By: *W/S*

Dated: *4/30*

FINAL REVIEW:

Dated: _____

- HAND CARRY BILL IN BLUEBACK (ORIGINAL & COPY)
TO THE GOVERNOR. (DANNY, ROBERT OR OTHERS)
- ACKNOWLEDGED COPY W/ ORIGINAL BLUEBACK
PLACED ON CLERK'S DESK. (Same copy given to Susan)

- FILED by: Danny, Robert or others

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I MINA' BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN

2000 (SECOND) Regular Session

Date: 6/23/00

VOTING SHEET

5 Bill No. 422(65)

Resolution No. _____

Question: _____

<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>NOT VOTING/ ABSTAINED</u>	<u>OUT DURING ROLL CALL</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
AGUON, Frank B., Jr.	✓				
BERMUDES, Eulogio C.	✓				
BLAZ, Anthony C.	✓				
BROWN, Joanne M.S.	✓				
CALVO, Eduardo B.	✓				
CAMACHO, Marcel G.	✓				
FORBES, Mark	✓				
KASPERBAUER, Lawrence F.	✓				
LAMORENA, Alberto C., V	✓				
LEON GUERRERO, Carlotta A.	✓				
MOYLAN, Kaleo Scott	✓				
PANGELINAN, Vicente C.	✓				
SALAS, John C.	✓				
SANCHEZ, Simon A., II	✓				
UNPINGCO, Antonio R.	✓				

TOTAL

15 0 0 0 0

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

Clerk of the Legislature

* 3 Passes = No vote
EA = Excused Absence



FILE

MINA' BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
TWENTY-FIFTH GUAM LEGISLATURE
155 Hesler Street, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

June 13, 2000

(DATE)

Memorandum

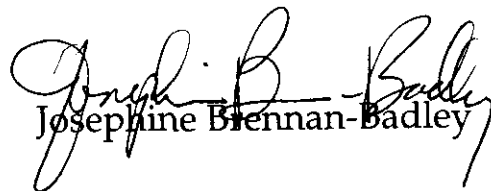
To: Senator Lawrence F. Kasperabuer

From: Clerk of the Legislature

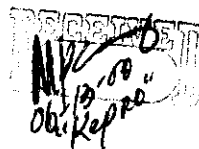
Subject: Report on Bill No. 422(LS)

Pursuant to §7.04 of Rule VII of the 25th Standing Rules, transmitted herewith is a copy of the Committee Report on Bill No. 422(LS), for which you are the prime sponsor.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please call the undersigned at 472-3464/5.


Josephine Brennan-Badley

Attachment





June 8, 2000

The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco
Speaker
I Mina Bente Singko Na Liheslaturan Guahan
Hagatna, Guam

Via: Committee on Rules

The Committee on Education, to which was **Bill No. 422 (LS)** –AN ACT TO AMEND §6102 OF CHAPTER 6 OF TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO CLARIFYING THE COMPULSARY ATTENDANCE AGE RANGE FOR CHILDREN OF GUAM herein reports back with the recommendation TO DO PASS as substituted by the Committee on Education.

Votes are as follows:

9 To Pass

_____ Not to Pass

_____ To the Inactive File

_____ Abstained

Sincerely,



LAWRENCE F. KASPERBAUER, Ph.D.

Attachments



I MINA' B Æ SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
TWENTY-FIFTH GUAM LEGISLATURE
Senator Lawrence F. Kasperbauer, Ph.D.
Vice Speaker • Chairman, Committee on Education

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June 8, 2000

MEMORANDUM

To: All Members
Committee on Education

From: Chairman

Subject: Voting Sheet

Transmitted herewith is the voting sheet and Committee Report on **Bill No. 422 (LS)** - AN ACT TO AMEND §6102 OF CHAPTER 6 OF TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO CLARIFYING THE COMPULSARY ATTENDANCE AGE RANGE FOR CHILDREN OF GUAM, for your review and signature.

Attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.


LAWRENCE F. KASPERBAUER, Ph.D.

Attachements

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
 I Mina' Bente Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
 155 Hesler Street · Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Chairman: Vice Speaker Lawrence F. Kasperbauer	Vice-Chairperson: Senator Joanne M.S. Brown
Ex-Officio Member: Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco	

VOTING SHEET ON:

Substitute Bill No. 422 (LS) -AN ACT TO AMEND §6102 OF CHAPTER 6 OF TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO CLARIFYING THE COMPULSARY ATTENDANCE AGE RANGE FOR CHILDREN OF GUAM.

<u>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</u>	<u>INITIAL</u>	<u>TO PASS</u>	<u>NOT TO PASS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE</u>
Vice Speaker Lawrence F. Kasperbauer <i>Chairman</i>	<u>LJK</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Joanne M.S. Brown <i>Vice-Chairperson</i>	<u>JM</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco <i>Ex-Officio</i>	<u>ARU</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Frank Blas Aguon, Jr. <i>Member</i>	<u>FBA</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Eulogio C. Bermudes <i>Member</i>	<u>ECB</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sen. Mark Forbes <i>Member</i>	<u>M</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Kaleo Scott Moylan <i>Member</i>	<u>KSM</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Simon A. Sanchez, II <i>Member</i>	<u>SAS</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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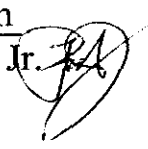
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MINA' BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
Committee on Education

Vice Speaker Lawrence F. Kasperbauer, Chairperson

Committee Report On

Bill No. 422 (LS): AN ACT TO AMEND §6102 OF CHAPTER 6 OF TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO CLARIFYING THE COMPULSARY ATTENDANCE AGE RANGE FOR CHILDREN OF GUAM.

I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Education held a public hearing on Thursday, June 1, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. at I Liheslaturan Public Hearing Room.

Committee Members Present:

Vice Speaker Lawrence F. Kasperbauer, Chairperson
Senator Joanne M.S. Brown, Vice Chairperson
Senator Frank Blas Aguon, Jr.

Other Senators Present:

Senator Vicente C. Pangelinan

Providing Testimony on the Bill:

Dr. Aline Yamashita, Private Citizen
Mr. Luis Martinez, Private Citizen

II. Testimony

Dr. Aline Yamashita testified in favor of the bill stressing the importance of enacting laws that protect the right of children to attend kindergarten. Dr. Yamashita cited studies that correlated completion of a successful kindergarten program to better readiness for first grade.

Mr. Luis Martinez testified against the bill as written but in favor of the bills intent. He noted that the language of the bill may be interpreted as requiring all children to be enrolled in school on their 5th birthday regardless of the date within the school year on which the child turns 5. He suggest that the changes be made to bill that would conform to previously enacted laws regarding starting school ages.

Vice Speaker L.F. Kasperbauer
25th Guam Legislature
Hagatna, Guam 96910

Dear Vice Speaker Kasperbauer,

It is with great pleasure and relief that I testify in full support of Bills 422 and 423. The importance of kindergarten cannot be underestimated and every law, policy, or regulation needed to safeguard the needs of these youngsters is greatly appreciated.

As you know, DOE phased in full day kindergarten years ago. It took great resources, from facilities to teachers to instructional materials, to reach the goal of a full day program for our five year olds. Studies have shown that high quality early childhood programs do impact further success of students. Locally, Dr. Jeffrey Shafer and I published a study that showed that our students who completed a full day kindergarten program were significantly more ready for first grade than those who completed a half day kindergarten program.

A good aspect about Bill 422 and 423 is that the protected program is already in place. These bills will not require the school system to make changes in its curriculum, schedule, personnel requirements. The best aspect about these bills is that it speaks loudly in support of the young child.

Thank you for advocating for the young child.


ALINE A. YAMASHITA, Ph.D.

MINA' BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
2000 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 422 (LS)

Introduced by:

L.F. Kasperbauer *LFK*
v.c. pangelinan
K.S. Moylan
F.B. Aguon Jr. *[Signature]*

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COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
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Thursday, June 1, 2000
I Libeslatura Public Hearing Room

WITNESS SIGN-IN SHEET

Name: LOUIS MARTINEZ	Agency or Interest Group (if applicable)	Telephone No.	Testimony		Comment	
Address: Box 4263 Agaña Gu	self	4724263	Oral <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Written <input type="checkbox"/>	For <input type="checkbox"/>	Against <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Name: Alvin Jaramila	Agency or Interest Group (if applicable)	Telephone No.	Testimony		Comment	
Address: 502 Thomas St. Jomtoma, Guam 96911	Self	6461317	Oral <input type="checkbox"/>	Written <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Against <input type="checkbox"/>

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May 31, 2000

For immediate release:

**A BILL TO ENSURE A FULL SCHOOL
DAY FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS TO BE HEARD**

A BILL AIMED TO ENSURE THAT KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS RECEIVE A FULL SCHOOL DAY EACH DAY THEY GO TO SCHOOL WILL BE HEARD TOMORROW MORNING BY THE LEGISLATURE'S COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

BILL 423 (LS), INTRODUCED BY VICE SPEAKER LAWRENCE KASPERBAUER AND IF PASSED INTO LAW, REQUIRES THAT THE LENGTH OF A SCHOOL DAY AND SCHOOL YEAR FOR THE KINDERGARTEN GRADE OF A SCHOOL SHALL BE THE SAME LENGTH OF TIME AS THE SCHOOL DAY AND SCHOOL YEAR FOR THE ELEMENTARY GRADES (FIRST THROUGH FIFTH) OF SUCH SCHOOL.

THE HEARING WILL TAKE PLACE BEGINNING AT **9:00 A.M. ON THURSDAY, JUNE 1ST** AT *I LIHESATURA* PUBLIC HEARING ROOM IN HAGATNA. ALSO ON THE AGENDA THAT MORNING ARE BILLS 419 AND 422.

BILL 419 AIMS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SCHOOL AIDES IN GUAM'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO BECOME TEACHERS THROUGH THE GUAM TEACHER CORPS PROGRAM. BILL 422 CLARIFIES THE COMPULSARY ATTENDANCE AGE RANGE FOR THE CHILDREN OF GUAM.

SHOULD YOU REQUIRE FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE VICE SPEAKER AT **475-5437** OR FAX AT 475-2000.

MAY 8 2000

**MINA' BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAM
2000 (SECOND) Regular Session**

Bill No. 422(25)

Introduced by:

L.F. Kasperbauer *LFK*
v.c. pangelinan
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