



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 Aspal 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. 423 (LS), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW §6119 TO CHAPTER 6 OF TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO LENGTH OF A SCHOOL DAY AND SCHOOL YEAR FOR KINDERGARTEN", which was signed into law Public Law No. 25-154.

This legislation establishes the length of a school day and a school year for kindergarten. The school day will be as long as the day already established for the lower primary grades in the same school that a kindergarten class is located, and the school year will be as long as the year already established for the lower primary grades in the same school that a kindergarten class is located.

This legislation follows on the heels of Bill No. 422, which changes the language of the age required for compulsory attendance at school to make it clear that kindergarten is mandatory.

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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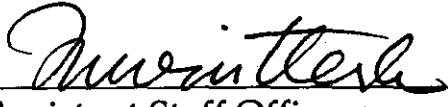
ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO
Speaker

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. 25-154

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

Bill No. 423 (LS)

As amended.

Introduced by:

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

June 28, 2000

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



Dear *Maga'lahi* Gutierrez:

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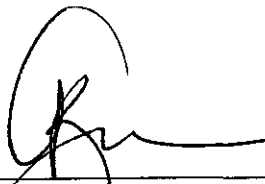
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IX TRANSMISSION CHECKLIST TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUAHAN
(Included in File w/ All Bills Transmitted)
BILL NO. 423(15)

- EXHIBITS ATTACHED *None*
- 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 *None*

Confirmed By: *[Signature]*

Dated: _____

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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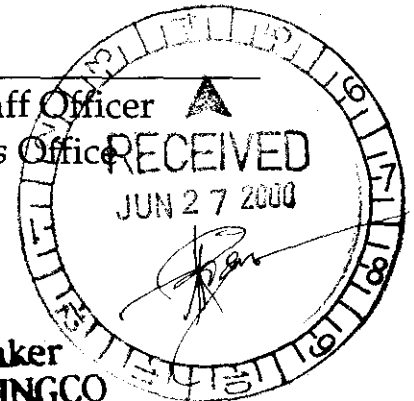
APPROVED:

CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
I Maga'lahaen Guahan

Date: _____

Public Law No. _____

Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'lahaen's Office



Office of the Speaker
ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO

Date: 6/26/00
Time: 3:25 pm
Rec'd by: [Signature]
Print Name: Laurie



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2000 (SECOND) Regular Session

Date: 6/23/00

VOTING SHEET

Bill No. 423 (LS)

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

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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

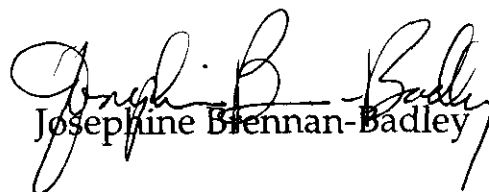
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From: Clerk of the Legislature

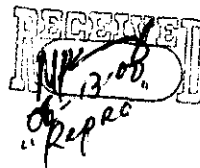
Subject: Report on Bill No. 423(LS)

Pursuant to §7.04 of Rule VII of the 25th Standing Rules, transmitted herewith is a copy of the Committee Report on Bill No. 423(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





I MINA' BENTE 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

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 referred **Bill No. 423 (LS)** -AN ACT TO ADD A NEW §6119 TO CHAPTER 6 OF TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO LENGTH OF A SCHOOL DAY AND SCHOOL YEAR FOR KINDERGARTEN herein reports back with the recommendation TO DO PASS.

Votes are as follows:

10 To Pass

___ Not to Pass

___ To the Inactive File

___ Abstained

Sincerely,


LAWRENCE F. KASPERBAUER, Ph.D.



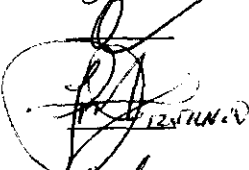
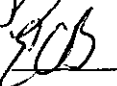
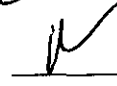
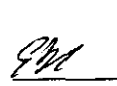
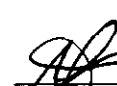

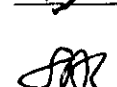
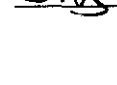
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COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
 I Mina' Bente Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
 155 Hesler Street · Hagåtña, Guam 96910

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

VOTING SHEET ON:

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<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>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sen. Kaleo Scott Moylan <i>Member</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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MAY 11 2000

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

Bill No. 423/LS

Introduced by:

L.F. Kasperbauer *Lfk*
MS. Brown
F.B. Aquino, Jr. *FBA*

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MINA' BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
Committee on Education

Vice Speaker Lawrence F. Kasperbauer, Chairperson

Committee Report On

Bill No. 423 (LS): AN ACT TO ADD A NEW §6119 TO CHAPTER 6 OF TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO LENGTH OF A SCHOOL DAY AND SCHOOL YEAR FOR KINDERGARTEN.

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. James Craig, Dean, College of Education, UOG
Dr. Aline Yamashita, Private Citizen
Mr. Luis Martinez, Private Citizen
Mr. Horice Herlihy, Chairperson, Guam Head Start Policy Council

II. Testimony

Dr. James Craig testified in favor of the bill stating that many years of effort had been directed in bringing full-day kindergarten to Guam's public schools. He stressed the importance of early-childhood education and its importance in children's future education.

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. Dr. Yamashita noted that the bill "speaks loudly in support of the young child".

Mr. Luis Martinez testified in favor of the bill by reaffirming Dr. Yamashita's position. He noted that as a former Department of Education official, he was involved in the development of the full-day kindergarten program. He noted such direction towards the full-day was prompted by a consensus among educators both locally and nationally that full-day kindergarten has direct positive benefits on all children's future ability to learn.

Mr. Herlihy. The committee notes that Mr. Herlihy did not expressly testify on the Bill. He did however, provide the Committee with a copy of a letter addressed to the Governor urging him to reconsider the proposed reduced kindergarten school day and asked that it be considered by the Committee as testimony in favor of the Bill.

III. Findings and Recommendation

The Committee on Education finds that there is vast community support for protecting the full-day kindergarten program in Guam's public schools. The Committee recognizes this support and maintains its belief that Public Education is a basic human right and that such right begins with full day Kindergarten.

It is the recommendation of the Committee on Education that Bill No. 423 (LS) be reported out with the recommendation **TO DO PASS**.



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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator L. F. Kasperbauer
Chair, Committee on Education

FROM: Dean James Craig 

SUBJECT: Testimony on Bill #423 (LS)

DATE: June 1, 2000

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of Bill #423. I was greatly saddened to hear that the Department of Education was proposing to reduce their Kindergarten program to half days. So many people worked so hard for so long to bring about the full-day Kindergarten that it was a shame to see that effort being rolled back. In the political rhetoric of the day, I have often heard references to the community of Guam as a family. While I realize that the Government faces great financial difficulties, I do not believe that a family facing a crisis takes effective action by starving its children first. All-day Kindergarten is vital to our young people and I commend this Committee for recognizing this fact and acting to protect the education of our youth. Surely within the Government of Guam there are less crucial things that could be scaled back rather than the education of our children.



GHSPC
GUAM HEAD START POLICY COUNCIL

P.O. Box DE, Hagatna, Guam 96932
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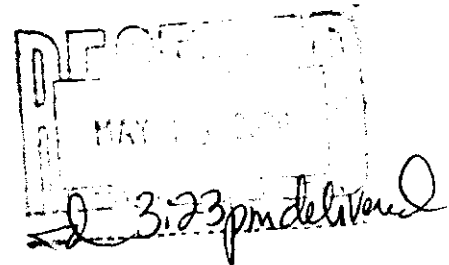
Head Start

Council Officers

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Honore "Hon" Herlihy
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Michael N. Reyes
Secretary
Angie Q. Tailague
Treasurer
Lola C. Denon

May 31, 2000

Honorable Carl T.C. Guitierrez
Governor of Guam
Ricardo J. Bordallo Complex
Adelup, Guam



Dear Governor Gutierrez:

We, the members of the Guam Head Start Policy Council, implore you to rethink your position to reduce the kindergarten sessions from full day to half day.

As you well know, a child's earliest years are the most important in ensuring educational welfare. In meeting our children's educational needs, it is an insurance of a successful community life, which can only benefit the entire island. Cutting kindergarten sessions from full day to half-day has a ripple effect for many families whose children are waiting for the new academic year to begin their kindergarten sessions. The first and most important is the deprivation of full educational benefits to a child whose most crucial learning years are only just beginning. Full-time kindergarten has proven only to be beneficial to a child's educational journey. You, yourself, repeatedly articulate the importance of all of us uniting to ensure all of our children the best education. We don't want to think that you have changed your mind about your passion in making sure that each and every child on this island is entitled to and assured the best education possible.

Many of our parents both have to work just to make ends meet, while some are single working parents who are striving either to stay off welfare or to supplement whatever public assistance they might be receiving. Still, there are other parents who are students at University of Guam or Guam Community College struggling to have a better quality of life for themselves and their families. Who better to understand the economic crunch that the Government of Guam is experiencing?

However, we also understand that our children's education cannot take a backseat until times are better. If solutions can be conceived and hatched and nurtured to expand the airport to the tune of \$300 million in bonds, and the Guam Power Authority can also be infused with new life, we must take care that education is treated with equal if not greater

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
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WITNESS SIGN-IN SHEET

Name:	Agency or Interest Group (if applicable)	Telephone No.	Testimony		Comment	
			Oral	Written	For	Against
JAMES CRAIG						
Address: UICG-COR	UICG-COR	735-2143		✓	✓	

Name:	Agency or Interest Group (if applicable)	Telephone No.	Testimony		Comment	
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Aline Gamashota						
Address: 502 Thma St. Juncturey Gu	Self			✓	✓	

Name:	Agency or Interest Group (if applicable)	Telephone No.	Testimony		Comment	
			Oral	Written	For	Against
L. Martinez						
Address: Box 4263 Agaña, Gu	Self		✓		✓	

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5 **§6119. Kindergarten Day and Year.** The length of a school day for the
6 kindergarten grade of a school shall be the same length of time as the school day for
7 the elementary grades (first through fifth grades) of such school.

8 The length of a school year for the kindergarten grade of a school shall be the
9 same length of time (instructional days/hours) as the school year for the elementary
10 grades (first through fifth grades) of such school.