



CARL T.C. GUTIERREZ
GOVERNOR OF GUAM

SEP 17 2002

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

Dear Legislative Secretary Brown:


Enclosed please find Substitute Bill No. 297 (COR) "AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE FOR SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS UNDER THE RAINBOWS FOR ALL CHILDREN - GUAM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," which was **signed** into law by the Governor as **Public Law No. 26-139**.

The child support group known as "Rainbows for all Children" has many volunteers in our schools who give unselfishly to children who are suffering loss of a loved one, many times a parent, through such events as death, divorce, abandonment, suicide, incarceration, illness, and so forth. These volunteers are vital to assist children attempting to cope with these events.

This legislation provides 40 hours of administrative leave per school year to those school employees who are volunteers for this program.


The legislation also provides an appropriation to the Department of Corrections for food services and transfer authority to the Guam Election Commission for election purposes.

Very truly yours,


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

Attachments: original bill for vetoed legislation or
copy of bill for signed or overridden legislation
and legislation enacted without signature

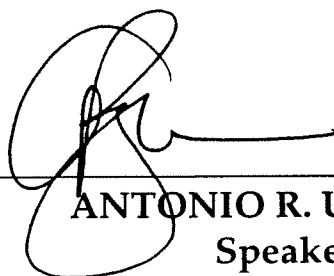
The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco
Speaker

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MINA'BENTE SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2002 (SECOND) Regular Session


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

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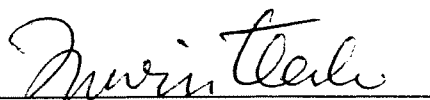
ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO
Speaker

Attested:



JOANNE M.S. BROWN
Senator and Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by I Maga'lahaen Guåhan this 16th day of September, 2002,
at 4:40 o'clock P.M.



Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'lahaen's Office

APPROVED:



CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
I Maga'lahaen Guåhan

Date: 9-17-02

Public Law No. 26-139

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As substituted on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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A. L.G. Santos

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*
3 finds that family violence, suicide and suicide attempts, accidents, abuse and
4 other tragedies that result to a loss of a loved one are everyday occurrences
5 that Guam's young children increasingly face.

1 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that children having to deal with
2 such traumatic losses easily endure emotional instability, insecurity, loss of
3 self-esteem and self-confidence, thereby resulting in poor academic
4 performances, as well as social behavioral problems.

5 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that one (1) of the most effective ways to
6 reach out to these children is through the Department of Education since
7 these children spend most of their day in school, interacting with other
8 students, teachers, counselors and other adults in their schools who could
9 help them deal with their losses as well as provide emotional support.

10 *Furthermore, I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that one (1) of the programs
11 which works with the Department of Education to effectively serve children
12 having suffered emotional grief of loss of a loved one through incarceration,
13 separation, divorce, abandonment, or death through suicide, illness, accidents
14 or attempted suicide, is the Rainbows for All Children - Guam. Through
15 volunteers in the schools, it supports the mission of the Department of
16 Education with its peer support group for children that are undergoing deep
17 turmoil and transition in their lives because of a death, divorce, incarceration,
18 separation, abandonment of a parent or parents, or significant loss of a loved
19 one.

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21 schools, training volunteers within the schools to better assist the children in
22 need of such support. The Program shows effective results that benefit the
23 children in coping with the loss of their loved ones, helping them heal and
24 adjust from such trauma during this very difficult transition in their lives.

1 *However*, school volunteers under the Rainbows for All Children - Guam
2 Program sometimes find themselves having to choose between their work
3 and their commitment to the Rainbows for All Children - Guam, whenever
4 their volunteer work is needed during their work schedule.

5 Therefore, it is *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* intent to ensure that the assistance
6 that Rainbows for All Children - Guam provides continues to be a success
7 within the public school system, as it is needed by the school children.

8 **Section 2. Administrative Leave.**

9 (a) Any school volunteers under the Rainbows for All Children -
10 Guam responding to a request for peer support, guidance and/or
11 suicide intervention services to students in the public schools,
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13 Department of Education, shall be granted administrative leave when
14 such volunteer's time is needed during the volunteer's work schedule.
15 Such leave shall be *limited* to forty (40) hours per school year.
16 Additional hours may be granted; *provided*, satisfactory arrangements
17 are made with the school principal of the employee's work site, to
18 account for the time of the employee.

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5 (c) All administrative leave pursuant to Subsections (a) and (b)
6 of this Act shall be requested three (3) days *prior* to the date of the leave,
7 with the exception of emergency cases, which shall be upon the
8 discretion of the school principal of the employee's work site.

9 **Section 3. Appropriation to the Department of Corrections for Food**
10 **Supplies.** The sum of Three Hundred Seventy-three Thousand One
11 Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$373,125.00) is hereby appropriated from the
12 General Fund to the Department of Corrections for the purchase of food
13 supplies for Fiscal Year 2002.

14 **Section 4. Authorization to Transfer.** The Department of Corrections
15 is hereby authorized to transfer appropriation lapses from Personnel Services
16 and Off-Island Travel to the supplies and materials category of the Director's
17 Office Division for the purchase of food supplies for the inmates through
18 September 30, 2002.

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21 item of appropriation contained in Pages 21-1 and 21-2 of Appendix B of
22 Public Law Number 26-35, as amended, for the purpose of meeting its
23 mandate in conducting the upcoming Primary and General Elections.

1 **Section 6. Severability.** *If* any provision of this Law or its
2 application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to
3 law, such invalidity shall *not* affect other provisions or applications of this
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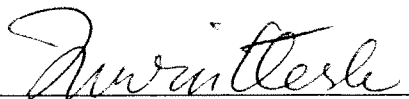
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Date: _____

Public Law No. _____

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Date: 9/4/02

VOTING SHEET

5 Bill No. 297 (COR)

Resolution No. _____

Question: without engrossment

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NAME	YEAS	NAYS	NOT VOTING/ ABSTAINED	OUT DURING ROLL CALL	ABSENT
ADA, Joseph F.	✓				
ADA, Thomas C.	✓				
AGUON, Frank B., Jr.	✓				
BROWN, Joanne M. S.	✓				
CALVO, Eddie B.	✓				
CAMACHO, Felix P.	✓				
CHARFAUROS, Mark C.	✓				
FORBES, Mark	✓				
KASPERBAUER, Lawrence F.	✓				
LEON GUERRERO, Lourdes A.	✓				
MOYLAN, Kaleo S.					✓
PANGELINAN, Vicente C.	✓				
SANTOS, Angel L.G.	✓				
UNPINGCO, Antonio R.	✓				
WON PAT, Judith T.	✓				

TOTAL

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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

Clerk of the Legislature

* 3 Passes = No vote
EA = Excused Absence

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*Senadot Mark Forbes, Gebilu
Kabisiyon Mayurát*

WAIVER OF FISCAL NOTE

In accordance with §9105 Title 2 GCA, I hereby certify that prompt committee action on Bill 297 is necessary to the proper conduct of legislative business. Therefore, I am waiving requirement of a fiscal note on Bill 297.

MARK FORBES

Chairman,
Committee on Rules, General Governmental Operations,
Reorganization and Reform, and Federal, Foreign
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03 SEP 2002

Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco
I Mina' Bente Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
155 Hesler Street
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Rules, General Governmental Operations, Reorganization and Reform, and Federal, Foreign and General Affairs, to which Bill No. 297 was referred, wishes to report its findings and recommendations **TO DO PASS BILL NO. 297, as substituted**, "An Act To Provide Administrative Leave for School Volunteers Under the Rainbows for All Children Guam if the Need for their Service Arises During their Work Hours."

The voting record is as follows:

TO PASS

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NOT TO PASS

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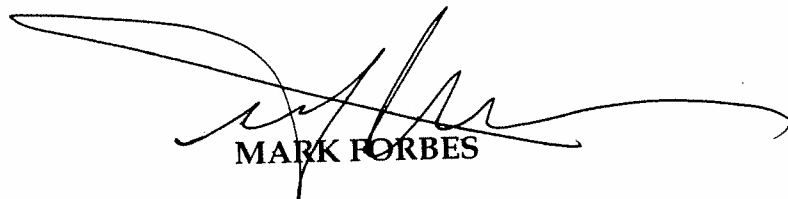
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Copies of the Committee Report and other pertinent documents are attached. Thank you and si Yu'os ma'ase for your attention to this matter.


MARK FORBES

Attachments



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*Senadot Mark Forbes, Gehilu
Kabisiyon Mayurát*

03 SEP 2002

MEMORANDUM

TO: Committee Members

FROM: Chairman

SUBJECT: Committee Report- BILL NO. 297: "An Act To Provide Administrative Leave for School Volunteers Under the Rainbows for All Children Guam if the Need for their Service Arises During their Work Hours."

Transmitted herewith for your information and action is the report on Bill No. 297, from the Committee on Rules, General Governmental Operations, Reorganization and Reform, and Federal, Foreign and General Affairs.

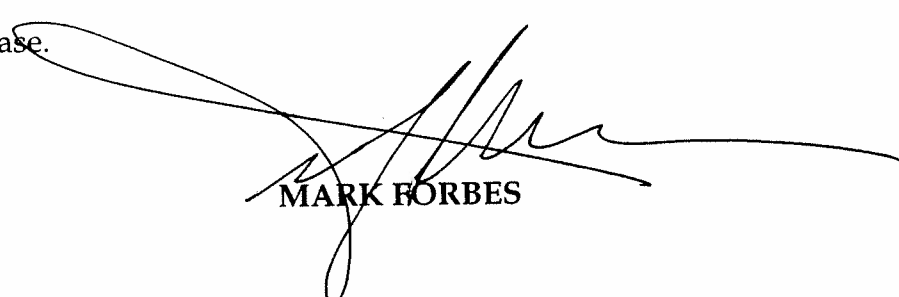
This memorandum is accompanied by the following:

1. Committee Voting Sheet
2. Committee Report
3. Bill No 297
4. Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
5. Fiscal Note/Fiscal Note Waiver
6. Notice of Public Hearing

Please take the appropriate action on the attached voting sheet. Your attention and cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Should you have any questions regarding the report or accompanying documents, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you and si Yu'os ma'ase.

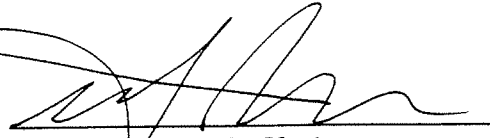
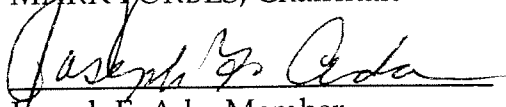

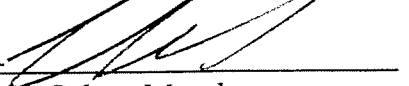
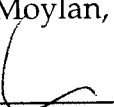
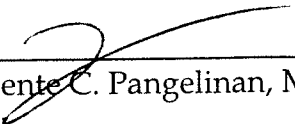

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Voting Record

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	<u>TO PASS</u>	<u>NOT TO PASS</u>	<u>TO ABSTAIN</u>	<u>INACTIVE FILE</u>	<u>REPORT OUT</u>
 MARK FORBES, Chairman	✓				
 Joseph F. Ada, Member	✓				
 Joanne M.S. Brown, Member	✓				
 Eddie B. Calvo, Member	✓				
_____ Felix P. Camacho, Member					
_____ Lawrence F. Kasperbauer, Ph. D., Member					
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 Antonio R. Unpingco, <i>Ex-Officio Member</i>	✓				
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SENATOR MARK FORBES, CHAIRMAN

COMMITTEE REPORT
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I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Rules, General Governmental Operations, Reorganization and Reform, and Federal, Foreign and General Affairs held a public hearing at 10 a.m. on June 20, 2002 in the Public Hearing Room, I Liheslaturan Guahan.

Senators present at the public hearing were:

Senator Mark Forbes, Chairman
Senator Joseph Ada, Member
Senator Judith Won Pat
Senator Frank Aguon Jr.

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

The following individuals appeared before the Committee to testify on Bill 297:

Andrew Eay, Rainbows for All Children Guam
Marie Halloran, director, Rainbows for All Children Guam
Francis Ysrael, Rainbows for All Children Guam
Mary Mario-Hliza, Rainbows for All Children Guam

Andrew Eay, Rainbows for All Children Guam, testified before the Committee in favor of Bill 297. Mr. Eay, a concerned parent, said that four or five years ago, his two kids lost their mom through separation. He didn't know how to get through to them. The program couldn't have come at a better time, as it assisted them in dealing with the feelings they were encountering at the time.

Marie Halloran, director, Rainbows for All Children Guam, testified before the Committee in favor of Bill 297. Halloran has been with the program for 15 years. She said they have had about 9,000 children, including 900 kids last year.

Francis Ysrael, Rainbows for All Children Guam, testified before the Committee in favor of Bill 297. Ysrael, a fifth-grade teacher and a facilitator for the program, said that sometimes teachers need to go for training but only have a limited amount of leave.

Mary Mario-Hliza, Rainbows for All Children Guam, testified before the Committee in favor of Bill 297. Hliza is a former nurse of Agana Heights Elementary, where she was a coordinator and facilitator. She said there is a need for the program, and that the students are helped by it. She said the students see that there are other students going through similar losses, and that helps them cope. She said it is important to see the program continue even in the middle school level.

Senator Aguon asked: the bill requires the administrator to grant leave, but what if the teacher requests a week off – where can the balance be found. Ysrael said that there are an average of about eight facilitators per school – they're not asking for a lot of time.

III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

The Committee on Rules, General Governmental Operations, Reorganization and Reform, and Federal, Foreign and General Affairs finds that Bill No. 297, as substituted, will allow those who volunteer their time and services to the worthy program, Rainbows for All Children Guam, to do so

without being penalized. This will enable the program to continue and to grow, and most importantly, for the children who benefit from this program to continue to get the support and counseling they need.

Accordingly, the Committee on Rules, General Governmental Operations, Reorganization and Reform, and Federal, Foreign and General Affairs, to which Bill No. 297 was referred does hereby submit its findings and recommendations to I Mina' Bente Sais Na Liheslaturan Guahan **TO DO PASS BILL NO. 297, as substituted**, "An Act To Provide Administrative Leave for School Volunteers Under the Rainbows for All Children Guam if the Need for their Service Arises During their Work Hours."

MINA ' BENTE SAIS NA LIHESI ATURAN GUAHAN

Kumitchan Areklamento, Hinanao Gubetnamenton Hinirát, Rifotma yan Rinueba,
yan Asunton Fidirát, Taotao Hiyong yan Hinirát

*Senadot Mark Forbes, Gebilu
Kabisiyon Mayurát*



06 MAY 2002

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman
Committee on Rules, General Governmental Operations, Reorganization and
Reform, and Federal, Foreign and General Affairs

FROM: Chairman
Committee on Rules, General Governmental Operations, Reorganization and
Reform, and Federal, Foreign and General Affairs

SUBJECT: Principal Referral - Bill No. 297 (COR)

The above bill is referred to your Committee as the Principal Committee, in accordance with Section 6.04.05.01. of the Standing Rules. Your Committee is the Committee authorized to perform the public hearing on this bill and to amend or substitute the bill, as well as report the bill out to the Body. It is recommended that you schedule a public hearing at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

MARK FORBES

Attachment



MINA'BENTE SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2002 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 297 (COR)

Introduced by:

v.c. pangelinan
J.T. Won Pat 

AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE
FOR SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS UNDER THE
RAINBOWS FOR ALL CHILDREN GUAM IF THE
NEED FOR THEIR SERVICE ARISES DURING THEIR
WORK HOURS.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*

3 finds that family violence, suicide and suicide attempts, accidents, abuse and
4 other tragedies that result to a loss of a loved one are everyday occurrences
5 that Guam's young children increasingly face.

6 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that children having to deal with such
7 traumatic losses easily endure emotional instability, insecurity, lost of self-
8 esteem and self-confidence, thereby resulting to poor academic performances
9 as well as social behavioral problems.

10 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the most effective way to reach out to
11 these children is through the Department of Education since these children
12 spend most of their day in school, interacting with other students, teachers,
13 counselors and other adults in their schools who could help them deal with
14 their losses as well as provide emotional support.

1 Furthermore, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the only program who works
2 with the Department of Education to effectively serve children having
3 suffered emotional grief of loss of a loved one through incarceration,
4 separation, divorce, abandonment, or death through suicide, illness, accidents
5 or attempted suicide, is the Rainbows for All Children--Guam. Through its
6 volunteer in the schools, it supports the mission of the Department of
7 Education with its peer support group for children that are undergoing deep
8 turmoil and transition in their lives because of a death, divorce, incarceration,
9 separation, abandonment of a parent or parents, or significant loss of a loved
10 one. Rainbows for All Children--Guam has worked with nineteen (19) public
11 schools, training volunteers within the schools to better assist the children in
12 need of such support. The program shows effective results that benefit the
13 children in coping with the loss of their loved ones, helping them heal and
14 adjust from such trauma during this very difficult transition in their lives.

15 However, school volunteers under the Rainbows for All Children--Guam
16 program sometimes find themselves having to choose between their work
17 and their commitment to the Rainbows for All Children--Guam, whenever
18 their volunteer work is needed during their work schedule.

19 Therefore, it is *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* intent to ensure that the assistance
20 that Rainbows for All Children--Guam provides, that it continues to be a
21 success within the public school system, as it is much-needed by the school
22 children.

23 **Section 2. Administrative Leave.** Any school volunteers under the
24 Rainbows for All Children--Guam, responding to a request for peer support,

1 guidance and/or suicide intervention services to students in the public
2 schools, conducting or attending training programs, employed by the
3 Department of Education, shall be granted administrative leave when such
4 volunteer's time is needed during the volunteer's work schedule, provided
5 satisfactory arrangements are made with the school principal of the
6 employee's work site, to account for time of the employee.

7 The registered local director of Rainbows for All Children--Guam shall also
8 be granted administrative leave for activities related to the development of
9 the program with private sector partners, conducting training or staff
10 development within the community, attending re-certification and/or
11 enrichment training for Rainbows for All Children-Guam and suicide
12 intervention skills, provided satisfactory arrangements are made with the
13 school principal of the employee's work site, to account for time of the
14 employee.

15 **Section 3. Severability.** *If* any provision of this Law or its
16 application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to
17 law, such invalidity shall *not* affect other provisions or applications of this
18 Law which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application,
19 and to this end the provisions of this Law are severable.