



CARL T.C. GUTIERREZ
GOVERNOR OF GUAM

OCT 05 2001

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:

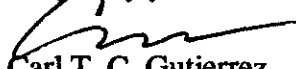
Enclosed please find Substitute Bill No. 132 (COR) entitled: "AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 15201, 15A301(a)(1), 15A302 AND 15A401 OF TITLE 17 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED AND TO AMEND UOG'S ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS, RELATIVE TO UOG'S STUDENT FINANCIAL AND AWARD PROGRAMS" which I have signed into law as Public Law No. 26-42.

Some of the provisions in this legislation were approved by the Board of Regents of the University of Guam. This legislation changes the law and the rules and regulations relative to merit award scholarships, loans, and professional/technical awards. It updates the current laws and rules and regulations to reference the "Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)" rather than the "Council on Postsecondary Accreditation (COPA). It also ties the amount of the stipends to whether a student is a first year student, second year, and so forth, rather than tying the stipend to how many credits have been received.

It enlarges the current pool of merit award scholarships by stating that schools are entitled to one merit award per 50 students "or fraction thereof". Previous law allowed one merit award per 50 students "rounded to the nearest 50".


The legislation entitles students studying during intersessions to a stipend for all books, deleting the previous \$100 limit.

Very truly yours,


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

Attachment: copy attached for enacted bill
original attached for vetoed bill

cc: The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco
Speaker

OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY	
ACKNOWLEDGMENT RECEIPT	
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Date	5 Oct 2001

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MINA'BENTE SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2001 (FIRST) Regular Session


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

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 132 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 15201, 15A301(a)(1), 15A302 AND 15A401 OF TITLE 17 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED AND TO AMEND UOG'S ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS, RELATIVE TO UOG'S STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND AWARD PROGRAMS," was on the 14th day of September, 2001, duly and regularly passed.



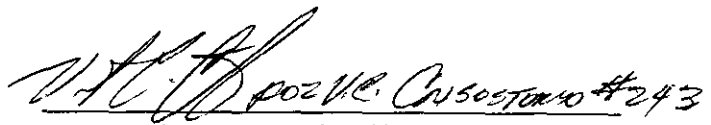
ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO
Speaker

Attested:



JOANNE M.S. BROWN
Senator and Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* this 24 day of SEPTEMBER, 2001,
at 6:00 o'clock P..M.



Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'lahi's Office

APPROVED:



CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
I Maga'lahen Guåhan

Date: 10-5-01

Public Law No. 26-42

MINA'BENTE SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2001 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 132 (COR)

As substituted by the
Committee on Education
and amended.

Introduced by:

L. F. Kasperbauer
A. R. Unpingco
F. P. Camacho
F. B. Aguon, Jr.
J. F. Ada
T. C. Ada
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**AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 15201, 15A301(a)(1), 15A302
AND 15A401 OF TITLE 17 OF THE GUAM CODE
ANNOTATED AND TO AMEND UOG'S
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS,
RELATIVE TO UOG'S STUDENT FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE AND AWARD PROGRAMS.**

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

2 **Section 1.** As recommended by *the University of Guam's Board of*
3 *Regent's Resolution No. 01-17* appended hereto as "**Attachment A,**" §

1 15A302 of Article 3A, Chapter 15, Division 3 of Title 17 of the Guam Code
2 Annotated is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

3 **"Section 15A302. Benefits.** Students entitled to merit
4 awards pursuant to this Article shall receive the following benefits:

5 (a) **Tuition to Attend School.** Tuition and fees for each
6 academic year to be paid by the Student Financial Assistance Fund
7 for a period of *not more than* four (4) years in an undergraduate
8 program at the University of Guam. For awards granted under §
9 15A101(2) of this Article, students shall receive an *additional two*
10 (2) years of tuition and fees for a graduate degree upon successful
11 completion of undergraduate studies and admission requirements
12 for graduate school.

13 (b) **Stipend.** Award recipients are entitled to a monthly
14 stipend to be disbursed in nine (9) monthly installments during
15 the academic year, as follows: (i) First-Year and Second-Year
16 Students: Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per month; (ii) Third-
17 Year and Fourth-Year Students: Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)
18 per month. For graduate students, Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00)
19 per month to be disbursed in nine (9) monthly installments during
20 the academic year.

21 (c) **Allowance for Textbooks.** Each student receiving an
22 award under this Article shall be entitled to an *additional Two-*
23 *hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)* per semester for textbooks to be
24 disbursed *prior* to the first day that classes begin.

1 The loans provided in this Article are *subject* to the following
2 limitations:

3 (a) The applicant must be a *bona fide* resident of Guam and
4 a United States citizen, or a permanent resident alien:

5 (1) applicants who are high school students at the
6 time of application must have achieved an overall grade
7 point average of *at least* 2.0, or its equivalent, in the
8 applicant's high school studies; *and*

9 (2) applicants who are current or returning college
10 students with prior college credits at the time of application
11 must have achieved an overall grade point average of *at least*
12 2.5, or its equivalent, in the applicant's undergraduate
13 studies.

14 (3) (a) *If* the applicant is pursuing an academic
15 graduate or post-graduate degree, the applicant must
16 have achieved a grade point average of *not less than* 2.5
17 in undergraduate studies.

18 (b) *If* the applicant is a graduating senior, final
19 approval of awards will be based upon successful
20 completion of graduation requirements, inclusive of a
21 2.5 grade point average.

22 All awards for graduate studies shall be based upon acceptance
23 into a graduate program. No awards shall be made for off-Guam
24 studies, *unless* such course of studies are listed on the University's

1 Career Priority listing. For loans made *after* January 1, 2000, the
2 applicant must be a five (5) year resident of Guam for the period
3 *immediately* preceding the starting date of the academic year the student
4 will use such assistance and meet all other requirements herein.

5 (b) The applicant must agree to the provisions of § 15203
6 of this Article.

7 (c) The applicant must be in financial need, which shall be
8 determined by regulations authorized by § 15105 of Article 1 of
9 this Chapter. In addition, the applicant must complete 'A Free
10 Application for Federal Student Aid' ('FAFSA') form as documentary
11 evidence of need.

12 (d) The applicant must present to the Board, *prior* to the
13 granting of the loan, satisfactory proof that the applicant has been
14 admitted to an accredited college or university as a full-time
15 student to pursue a program of study in the area for which the
16 loan was applied. No loan shall be continued beyond the number
17 of years normally required to complete studies in the specific
18 academic degree program for which the loan was granted, *except*
19 under exceptional circumstances as determined by the Board.

20 (e) The off-Guam colleges and universities must be
21 United States accredited, or recognized by the Council on
22 Postsecondary Accreditation ('COPA'), or its successors, and must
23 be on the University's Career Priority Listing and approved by the
24 Board; *provided*, however, that no loans shall be granted for

1 studies at an off-Guam institution in an academic program that is
2 available at the University of Guam."

3 **Section 3.** Section 15A301(a)(1) of Article 3A, Chapter 15, Division 3 of
4 Title 17 of the Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

5 "(1) One (1) for every fifty (50) graduates or fraction thereof of a
6 school's graduating class. *If* as a result of the equal scholastic standing
7 of two (2) or more graduates, there is a tie for the awards granted
8 pursuant to this Chapter, the University of Guam shall provide a
9 mechanism to break the tie. Awardees are entitled to four (4) years of
10 education at the University of Guam. *However*, if the awardee is the top-
11 ranked student academically of that person's graduating class, and such
12 awardee's major is unavailable at the University of Guam, the awardee
13 may attend any accredited college or university in the United States, or
14 one (1) recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation
15 ('COPA'), or its successors, where such declared major is available. The
16 benefits are according to the amounts provided in § 15A302 of this
17 Article, plus the cost of airfare for one-way, economy airline ticket to the
18 school of attendance and one-way ticket to return to Guam upon
19 completion of studies."

20 **Section 4.** Section 15A401 of Article 4A, Chapter 15, Division 3 of Title
21 17 of the Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

22 **"Section 15A401. Students Entitled to Awards.** There
23 are established professional and technical annual awards for graduate
24 studies. On or before December 1st of each year, the Board shall

1 conduct a public hearing to receive the opinion and recommendation of
2 the community, and the Guam Occupational Information Coordinating
3 Committee, or its equivalent, and may use findings of any other survey
4 or study to determine those areas in which additional professional and
5 technical skills are needed. From those hearings the Board shall
6 establish a list of occupational priorities for Guam *prior* to considering
7 applications for the awards. The number of awards and occupational
8 priorities to be recommended shall be submitted to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*
9 *no later than* January 1st of each year.

10 Funds appropriated to provide professional and technical awards,
11 and which are *not* totally expended, may be used in succeeding years so
12 as to increase the number of annual awards. The awards provided in
13 this Article are *subject* to the following limitations:

14 (a) the applicant must be a *bona fide* resident of Guam for
15 a continuous period of *not less than* ten (10) years *prior* to
16 application, and a United States citizen, or a permanent resident
17 alien, and must have achieved an overall grade point average of
18 3.00 in undergraduate studies *if* pursuing a master's degree, or
19 3.33 in a master's degree program *if* pursuing a doctoral degree, or
20 an irrevocable letter of acceptance from an U.S. accredited
21 professional school, as recognized by the Council on Post
22 Secondary Accreditation ('COPA'), or its successors;

23 (b) the applicant must agree to the repayment terms as
24 specified in §§ 15A403 and 15A404;

1 (c) the applicant must present to the Board, *prior* to
2 granting of the award, satisfactory proof that such applicant has
3 been accepted by an U.S. accredited college or university, as
4 recognized by COPA, or its successors, as a full-time student to
5 pursue a program of study in the field applied for; *and*

6 (d) the colleges or universities must be properly
7 accredited as recognized by COPA, or its successors, and must be
8 approved by the Board; *provided*, however, that no award shall be
9 granted for studies at an off-Guam institution in a program that is
10 available at the University of Guam.

11 The Board shall select the recipients of the awards upon the basis
12 of scholastic ability, financial need and aptitude. The Board may also
13 use work or life-time experience and achievement criteria in place of the
14 aptitude criteria, *if* because of such experience, it can be reasonably
15 determined that the applicant will succeed in a course of study funded
16 by an award herein.

17 In determining financial need, the applicant must submit a
18 Student Aid Report ('SAR'), which results from the completion of a Free
19 Application for Federal Student Aid ('FAFSA') as documentary
20 evidence of need.

21 No benefits as specified in § 15A402 shall be continued beyond the
22 number of years normally required to complete studies in the specific
23 academic degree program for which the award was granted, *except*
24 under exceptional circumstances, as determined by the Board."

1 **Section 5.** Section 3(c) of the University of Guam’s Merit Award Rules
2 and Regulations, as amended by Public Law Number 25-145, is hereby
3 *amended* to read as follows:

4 “(c) *‘Accredited’*: any U.S. accredited institution as
5 recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation
6 (*‘CHEA’*).”

7 **Section 6.** Section 3(t) is hereby *added* to the University of Guam’s
8 Merit Award Rules and Regulations, as amended by Public Law Number 25-
9 145, to read as follows:

10 “(t) *‘Co-Signers’*: Guam Residents who are financially and
11 legally responsible.”

12 **Section 7.** Section 4 of the University of Guam’s Merit Award Rules
13 and Regulations, as amended by Public Law Number 25-145, is hereby
14 *repealed and reenacted* to read as follows:

15 **“4.0. NUMBER OF AWARDS.** Each graduating class of
16 the public and private high schools on Guam is entitled to one (1) for
17 every fifty (50) graduates or fraction thereof of a school’s graduating
18 class, (schools with *less than* fifty (50) graduating seniors that meet all
19 other requirements herein shall be entitled to one (1) award). *If* there
20 should be a tie of the equal scholastic standing of two (2) or more
21 graduates, the University of Guam will provide a mechanism to break
22 the tie using the cumulative numeric grades first going to whatever
23 decimal place is required to break the tie. *If* a tie still exists, then the
24 SAT scores will be used to break the tie. Each student must meet the

1 eligibility requirements established in § 15301(a)(1) of Chapter 15 of
2 Title 17 of the Guam Code Annotated. The number of awards will be
3 determined by the *actual* number of diplomas awarded on graduation
4 day.”

5 **Section 8.** Section 8 of the University of Guam’s Merit Award Rules
6 and Regulations, as amended by Public Law Number 25-145, is hereby
7 *repealed and reenacted* to read as follows:

8 “**8.0. ATTENDANCE.** Awardees are to attend the
9 University of Guam. If the top-ranked Awardee’s academic major
10 program is unavailable at the University of Guam, the Awardee may
11 attend any four (4)-year U.S. accredited college or university in the
12 United States, as recognized by the Council for Higher Education
13 Accreditation (‘CHEA’) where such declared major is available.”

14 **Section 9.** Section 10(c) of the University of Guam’s Merit Award Rules
15 and Regulations, as amended by Public Law Number 25-145, is hereby
16 *repealed and reenacted* to read as follows:

17 “(c) A nine (9) monthly stipend based upon the following:

18 (1) Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for students in their
19 first and second year under the Merit Award Program.

20 (2) Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for students in their
21 third and fourth year under the Merit Award Program.

22 (3) Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) for graduate students
23 pursuant to § 10(b).”

(c) *Allowance for Textbooks.* Each student receiving an award under the Article shall be entitled to an additional Two-hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) per semester for textbooks to be disbursed prior to the first day that classes begin.

(d) *Optional Inter-Session Allowed.*

(1) *Summer.* Each student shall be entitled to tuition, fees and textbooks for inter-session courses on a full-time basis. The maximum amount for textbooks is One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per summer session. ~~Students attending inter-session as provided herein shall be entitled to one (1) additional month's stipend, as defined in §15.1302(b) of this Article, for each inter-session cycle attended in the summer only.~~ Students attending inter-session during the Summer Semester shall not be entitled to an additional stipend.

(2) *Between Fall and Spring Semesters.* Each student shall be entitled to tuition, fees and textbooks for inter-session courses on a full-time basis. The maximum amount for textbooks is One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Students attending inter-session between the Fall and Spring Semesters shall not be entitled to an additional stipend.

(e) *For those authorized to attend school off-Island as provided for herein, the amount of assistance shall not exceed the amount of assistance for a student attending school at the University of Guam.* "

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents of the University of Guam requests the expeditious approval of the Legislature, by legislation as recommended herein, and the subsequent approval of the Governor of Guam, the changes to the Student Financial Assistance Program Rules and Regulations for Merit Award pursuant to Public Law 25-86 as amended by Public Law 25-145.

Adopted this twenty-eighth day of June, 2001.


Marie R. Nelson, Chairwoman

ATTESTED:


Dr. Roy T. Tsuda, Executive Secretary



August 7, 2001

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

Via: Committee on Rules

The Committee on Education, to which was referred **Bill No. 132 (COR)** AN ACT TO AMEND §§15201, 15A301(a)(1), 15A302, 14A401 OF TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM'S STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND TO MAKE CHANGES TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM BOARD OF REGENTS, herein reports back with the recommendation TO DO PASS, as substituted by the committee.

Votes are as follows:

To Pass

Not to Pass

To the Inactive File

Abstained

Sincerely,

LARRY F. KASPERBAUER, Ph.D.

Attachments



August 7, 2001

MEMORANDUM

To: All Members
Committee on Education

From: Chairman

Subject: **Voting Sheet**

Transmitted herewith are the voting sheet and Committee Report for **Bill No. 132 (COR) AN ACT TO AMEND §§15201, 15A301(a)(1), 15A302, 14A401 OF TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM'S STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND TO MAKE CHANGES TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM BOARD OF REGENTS**, herein reports back with the recommendation TO DO PASS as substituted by the committee, for your review and signature.

Attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.


LARRY F. KASPERBAUER, Ph.D.

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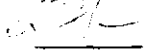


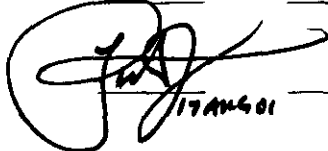
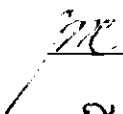

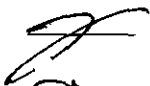

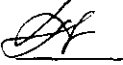
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

I Mina' Bente Sais Na Libeslatuman Guåhan
 155 Hesler Street · Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Chairman: Vice Speaker Lawrence F. Kasperbauer Vice-Chairperson: Senator Mark Forbes
 Ex-Officio Member: Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco

VOTING SHEET ON:

Bill No. 132 (COR) AN ACT TO AMEND §§15201, 15A301(a)(1), 15A302, 14A401 OF TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM'S STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND TO MAKE CHANGES TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM BOARD OF REGENTS.

<u>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</u>	<u>INITIAL</u>	<u>TO PASS</u>	<u>NOT TO PASS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>TO PLACE INACTIVE FILE</u>
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Sen. Mark Forbes <i>Vice-Chairperson</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco <i>Ex-Officio</i>	6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Joseph F. Ada <i>Member</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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I MINA' BENTE SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
Committee on Education

Vice Speaker Lawrence F. Kasperbauer, Chairperson

Committee Report On

Bill No. 132 (COR): AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 15201, 15A301(a)(1), 15A302, 14A401 OF TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM'S STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND TO MAKE CHANGES TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM BOARD OF REGENTS.

I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Education held a public hearing on Wednesday, August 1, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. at I Liheslatura Public Hearing Room.

Committee Members Present:

Vice Speaker Lawrence F. Kasperbauer, Chairperson
Senator Thomas C. Ada
Senator Vicente C. Pangelinan

Other Senators Present:

None

Providing Testimony on the Bill:

Mrs. Marie Nelson, Chairperson UOG Board of Regents
Dr. Roy Tsuda, Acting President, UOG
Dr. Richard Wyttenbach-Santos, Vice President of Student Affairs, UOG
Dr. Arthur Jackson, Financial Aid Officer, UOG

II. Testimony

The officials from the University of Guam presented joint testimony in favor of the Bill. They noted the productive relationship that the Financial Aid staff has had throughout the years with the Committee on Education and sited the Committee's swift response to the recommendations of the *Board of Regent's Resolution 01-17* as an example of such cooperation. Mrs. Nelson offered two recommendations for inclusion in the Bill: (1) that the references be changed from "Council on Postsecondary Accreditation ('COPA') or its successors" to "Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) or its successors" and (2) that a copy of the *Board*

of Regent's Resolution 01-17 be appended as a reference to show that Bill No. 132 (COR)'s introduction is consistent with the provisions of UOG's Charter.

Subsequent to the hearing, Dr. Jackson informed the Committee's staff about new references to CHEA (added text) in Section 5 of the Bill under rules "3(C)" and "8" not being underlined.

Aside from the issue of the Bill being heard, Dr. Richard Wytttenbach-Santos used the opportunity to announce his retirement for medical reasons. He thanked the Chairman and the Committee for that the productive and cordial working relationship with the Committee and staff throughout his tenure as Vice President of Student Affairs.

III. Findings and Recommendation

The Committee agrees with the recommendations of the UOG officials with regards to (1) appending the *Board of Regent's Resolution 01-17* and (2) construction of the Rule changes "3(C)" and "8" by underscoring the new references to CHEA. The Committee does not agree with recommendations to change references in proposed law changes to "Council on Postsecondary Accreditation ('COPA') or its successors" to "Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) or its successors". The Committee finds the present language to be sufficient and that removal of references to "COPA" may invalidate of cloud awards or loans approved when COPA was the accrediting body.

It is the recommendation of the Committee on Education that Substitute Bill No. 132 (COR) be reported out with the recommendation **TO DO PASS**.

I MINA' BENTE SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN

2001 (FIRST) Regular Session

Date: 9/14/01

VOTING SHEET

S Bill No. 132 (COR)

Resolution No. _____

Question: _____

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

1 students shall receive an additional two (2) years of tuition and fees for a
2 graduate degree upon successful completion of undergraduate studies and
3 admission requirements for graduate school.

4 **(b) Stipend.** Award recipients are entitled to a monthly stipend
5 to be disbursed in nine (9) monthly installments during the academic year,
6 as follows: (i) ~~fifty-nine (59) or fewer semester hours completed~~ First-Year
7 and Second-Year Students: Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per month;
8 (ii) ~~sixty (60) and over semester hours to graduation~~ Third-year and Fourth-
9 Year students: Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per month. For graduate
10 students, Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) per month to be disbursed in nine
11 (9) monthly installments during the academic year.

12 **(c) Allowance for Textbooks.** Each student receiving an
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14 Dollars (\$250.00) per semester for textbooks to be disbursed prior to the
15 first day that classes begin.

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17 **(1) Summer.** Each student shall be entitled to tuition, fees and
18 textbooks for inter-session courses on a full-time basis. ~~The maximum~~
19 ~~amount for textbooks is One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).~~ ~~Students~~
20 ~~attending inter-session as provided herein shall be entitled to one (1)~~
21 ~~additional month's stipend, as defined in §15A302(b) of this Article, for~~
22 ~~each inter-session cycle attended in the summer only.~~

23 **(2) Between Fall and Spring Semesters.** Each student shall be
24 entitled to tuition, fees and textbooks for inter-session courses on a full-time
25 basis. ~~The maximum amount for textbooks is One Hundred Dollars~~

1 ~~(\$100.00)~~—Students attending inter-session between the Fall and Spring
2 Semesters shall not be entitled to an additional stipend.

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4 (e) For those authorized to attend school off-Island as provided for
5 herein, the amount of assistance shall not exceed the amount of assistance
6 for a student attending school at the University of Guam."

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8 **Section 2.** As recommended by the *University of Guam's Board of Regent's*
9 *Resolution No. 01-17* appended hereto as "Attachment A", Section 15201 of
10 Article 2, Chapter 15, Division 3 of Title 17 of the Guam Code Annotated, as
11 amended by Public Law Number 25-145, is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

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13 **"Section 15201. Students Entitled to Loans.** The Board is
14 authorized to approve loans for graduate and undergraduate studies or
15 training to qualified applicants who are admitted to the University of Guam,
16 the Guam Community College pursuant to the provisions of §15204 of this
17 Article or to a United States accredited off-Island college or university as
18 full-time students on regular status or by Distance Learning, that may
19 include classes by means of the internet, through a United States accredited
20 college or university or one (1) recognized by the Council on Postsecondary
21 Accreditation ('COPA') or its successors. The loans provided in this Article
22 are subject to the following limitations:

23 (a) The applicant must be a *bona fide* resident of Guam and
24 a United States citizen, or a permanent resident alien:

25 (1) applicants who are high school students at the time
26 of application must have achieved an overall grade point

1 average of at least 2.0 or its equivalent in the applicant's high
2 school studies; *and*

3 (2) applicants who are current or returning college
4 students with prior college credits at the time of application
5 must have achieved an overall grade point average of at least
6 2.5 or its equivalent in the applicant's undergraduate studies.

7 (3)(a) *If* the applicant is pursuing an academic
8 graduate or post-graduate degree, the applicant must have
9 achieved a grade point average of *not less than 2.5* in
10 undergraduate studies.

11 (3)(b) *If* the applicant is a graduating senior, final
12 approval of awards will be based on successful completion of
13 graduation requirements inclusive of a 2.5 grade point average.

14 All awards for graduate studies shall be based on acceptance in to a
15 graduate program. No awards shall be made for off-Island studies,
16 *unless* such course of studies are listed on the University's Career
17 Priority listing. For loans made after January 1, 2000, the applicant
18 must be a five (5) year resident of Guam for the period immediately
19 preceding the starting date of the academic year the student will use
20 such assistance and meet all other requirements herein.

21 (b) The applicant must agree to the provisions of §15203 of
22 this Article.

23 (c) The applicant must be in financial need, which shall be
24 determined by regulations authorized by §15105 of Article 1 of this
25 Chapter. In addition, the applicant must complete '*A Free*

1 *Application for Federal Student Aid* ('FAFSA') form as documentary
2 evidence of need.

3 (d) The applicant must present to the Board *prior to the*
4 *granting of the loan satisfactory proof that the applicant has been*
5 *admitted to an accredited college or university as a full-time student*
6 *to pursue a program of study in the area for which the loan was*
7 *applied. No loan shall be continued beyond the number of years*
8 *normally required to complete studies in the specific academic degree*
9 *program for which the loan was granted, except under exceptional*
10 *circumstances as determined by the Board.*

11 (e) The off-Island colleges and universities must be United
12 States accredited, or recognized by the Council on Postsecondary
13 Accreditation ('COPA') or its successors, and must be on the
14 University's Career Priority Listing and approved by the Board;
15 *provided*, however, that no loans shall be granted for studies at an off-
16 Island institution in an academic program that is available at the
17 University of Guam."

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19 **Section 3.** As recommended by the *University of Guam's Board of*
20 *Regent's Resolution No. 01-17* appended hereto as "Attachment A", Item (1) of
21 Subsection (a) of Section 15A301 of Chapter 15 of Title 17 of the Guam Code
22 Annotated, as *added* by Public Law Number 25-145, is hereby *amended* to read as
23 follows:

24 "(1) One (1) for every fifty (50) graduates or fraction thereof
25 of a school's graduating class. *If* as a result of the equal scholastic
26 standing of two (2) or more graduates, there is a tie for the awards

1 granted pursuant to this Chapter, the University of Guam shall
2 provide a mechanism to break the tie. Awardees are entitled to four
3 (4) years of education at the University of Guam. *However*, if the
4 awardee is the top-ranked student academically of that person's
5 graduating class, and such awardee's major is unavailable at the
6 University of Guam, the awardee may attend any accredited college
7 or university in the United States, or one (1) recognized by the
8 Council on Postsecondary Accreditation ('COPA') or its successors,
9 where such declared major is available. The benefits are according to
10 the amounts provided in §15A302 of this Article, *plus* the cost of
11 airfare for one-way, economy airline ticket to the school of
12 attendance and one-way ticket to return to Guam upon completion of
13 studies."

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15 **Section 4.** As recommended by the *University of Guam's Board of*
16 *Regent's Resolution No. 01-17* appended hereto as "Attachment A", Section
17 15A401 of Chapter 15 of Title 17 of the Guam Code Annotated, as *added* by
18 Public Law Number 25-145, is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

19 **"Section 15A401. Students Entitled to Awards.** There are
20 established professional and technical annual awards for graduate studies.
21 On or before December 1st of each year, the Board shall conduct a public
22 hearing to receive the opinion and recommendation of the community, and
23 the Guam Occupational Information Coordinating Committee, or its
24 equivalent, and may use findings of any other survey or study to determine
25 those areas in which additional professional and technical skills are needed.
26 From those hearings the Board shall establish a list of occupational

1 priorities for Guam prior to considering applications for the awards. The
2 number of awards and occupational priorities to be recommended shall be
3 submitted to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* no later than January 1st of each year.

4 Funds appropriated to provide professional and technical awards, and
5 which are *not* totally expended, may be used in succeeding years so as to
6 increase the number of annual awards. The awards provided in this Article
7 are subject to the following limitations:

8 (a) the applicant must be a *bona fide* resident of Guam for a
9 continuous period of *not less than* ten (10) years prior to application,
10 and a United States citizen, or a permanent resident alien, and must
11 have achieved an overall grade point average of 3.00 in
12 undergraduate studies *if* pursuing a master's degree, or 3.33 in a
13 master's degree program *if* pursuing a doctoral degree, or an
14 irrevocable letter of acceptance from a U.S. accredited professional
15 school, as recognized by the Council on Post Secondary
16 Accreditation ('**COPA**') or its successors;

17 (b) the applicant must agree to the repayment terms as
18 specified in §§15A403 and 15A404;

19 (c) the applicant must present to the Board prior to granting
20 of the award satisfactory proof that such applicant has been accepted
21 by a U.S. accredited college or university as recognized by **COPA** or
22 its successors , as a full-time student to pursue a program of study in
23 the field applied for; *and*

24 (d) the colleges or universities must be properly accredited
25 as recognized by **COPA** or its successors and must be approved by
26 the Board; provided, however, that no award shall be granted for

1 studies at an off-Island institution in a program that is available at the
2 University of Guam.

3 The Board shall select the recipients of the awards upon the basis of
4 scholastic ability, financial need and aptitude. The Board may also use
5 work or life-time experience and achievement criteria in place of the
6 aptitude criteria *if* because of such experience, it can be reasonably
7 determined that the applicant will succeed in a course of study funded by an
8 award herein.

9 In determining financial need the applicant must submit a Student
10 Aid Report ('SAR') which results from the completion of a Free
11 Application for Federal Student Aid ('FAFSA') as documentary evidence of
12 need.

13 No benefits as specified in §15A402 shall be continued beyond the
14 number of years normally required to complete studies in the specific
15 academic degree program for which the award was granted, *except* under
16 exceptional circumstances as determined by the Board."
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18 **Section 5. Changes to Administrative Rules and Regulations.** The
19 University of Guam shall make the following changes to the Merit Award Rules
20 And Regulations and notwithstanding any other provision of law, no further
21 Legislative approval is required:

"Changes To Merit Award Rules And Regulations

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23 **Change 3.0. (C) Definitions.**

1 (c) 'Accredited': ~~as recognized by the Council on Postsecondary~~
2 ~~Accreditation ('COPA')~~ any U.S. accredited institution as recognized
3 by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).
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5 **Add 3.0 (T) Definitions.**

6 (t) 'Co-Signers': Guam Residents who are financially and legally
7 responsible.
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9 **Add & Change 4.0. Number Of Awards.**

10 Each graduating class of the public and private high schools on Guam, is entitled
11 to one (1) for every fifty (50) graduates or fraction thereof of a school's graduating
12 class, ~~rounded to the nearest fifty (50), however,~~ (schools with less than fifty (50)
13 graduating seniors that meet all other requirements herein shall be entitled to one
14 (1) award). If there should be a tie of the equal scholastic standing of two (2) or
15 more graduates, the University of Guam will provide a mechanism to break the tie
16 using the cumulative numeric grades first going to whatever decimal place is
17 required to break the tie. If a tie still exists, then the SAT scores will be used to
18 break the tie. Each student must meet the eligibility requirements established in
19 §15301(a.1) of Chapter 15 of Title 17 of the Guam Code Annotated. The number
20 of awards will be determined by the actual number of diplomas awarded on
21 graduation day.
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23 **Add & Change 8.0. Attendance.**

24 Awardees are to attend the University of Guam. If the **top-ranked** Awardee's
25 academic major program is unavailable at the University of Guam, the Awardee
26 may attend any four-year U.S. accredited college or university in the United

1 States, as recognized by the ~~Council on Postsecondary Accreditation ('COPA')~~
2 Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) where such declared major is
3 available.

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5 **Change 10.0 (C). Award Benefits.**

6 (c) A 9-monthly stipend based on the following:

7 (1) ~~Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) based on fifty-nine (59) or fewer~~
8 ~~semesters/quarter hours completed.~~ for students in their first and
9 second year under the Merit Award Program.

10 (2) ~~Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) based on sixty (60) or more semester~~
11 ~~hours to graduation.~~ for students in their third and fourth year under
12 the Merit Award Program.

13 (3) Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) for graduate students pursuant to
14 §10(b).

15 (4) ~~One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for one (1) month only for each inter-~~
16 ~~session cycle attended in the summer.~~

17 (5) ~~No stipend will be granted for students attending Fall inter-session.~~

18 (d) ~~An allowance of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) per semester and~~
19 ~~One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) maximum for summer will be granted for~~
20 ~~textbooks to be disbursed in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.~~
21 ~~Students attending inter-session between the Fall and Spring semesters on a full-~~
22 ~~time basis are eligible for the maximum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for~~
23 ~~books.~~

24 (e) (d) Awardees authorized to attend an off-Island institution shall not exceed the
25 amount of assistance granted for a student attending school at the University of
26 Guam, but are entitled to the cost of airfare for one-way, economy airline ticket to

1 the school of attendance and one-way ticket to return to Guam upon completion of
2 studies.

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4 **Add 11.0. (G) (1) Obligations Of Recipients.**

5 (1) Except for deferment **and change of graduation date** requests,
6 special requests shall be submitted to the Board no later than two (2)
7 months (sixty (60) calendar days) prior to the start of the academic
8 term for which the request is to take effect. Requests received after
9 the two (2) months (sixty (60) calendar days), shall be acknowledged
10 and returned without any action indicating non-compliance with the
11 deadline requirement.

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13 **Section 6. Changes to Administrative Rules and Regulations.** The
14 University of Guam shall make the following changes to the Student Loan and
15 Professional Technical program Administrative Rules and Regulations and
16 notwithstanding any other provision of law, no further Legislative approval is
17 required:

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19 "All references to the '*Council on Post Secondary Education (COPA)*' shall
20 be changed to '*Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)*'".

Attachment A

UNIVERSITY OF GUAM
UNIBETSEDAT GUAHAN
BOARD OF REGENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 01 -17

RELATIVE TO REQUESTING THE GUAM LEGISLATURE TO REPEAL AND AMEND CERTAIN
SECTIONS OF THE MERIT AWARD PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the government and control of the University of Guam is vested in the Board of Regents of the University of Guam, and;

WHEREAS, the provisions of Title 17 of the Guam Code Annotated, Chapter 15, governing the Student Financial Assistance Fund, state that the Student Financial Assistance Fund shall be administered and granted by the Board of Regents in accordance with Public Law 19-37, Section 5 as amended, and;

WHEREAS, Article I, section 15105 of said chapter, mandates that the Board of Regents, subject to the provisions of the Administrative Adjudication Law, shall make regulations pursuant to and not inconsistent with the provisions of this Chapter, and;

WHEREAS, I MINA BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN approved Bill No. 412 (COR). " AN ACT TO APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM, THE MERIT AWARD PROGRAM, AND THE PROFESSIONAL TECHNICAL AWARDS PROGRAM WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS AND CHANGES AS SPECIFIED HEREIN... ", which was signed into law as Public Law 25-145, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents finds that the four part variable stipend provisions based on Semester hours 17GCA §15A302 as enacted by Public Law 25-86 pose an unwieldy burden on the University and request that the law be amended to read as follows:

"15A302. Benefits. Students entitled to merit awards pursuant to this Article shall receive the following benefits:

(a) Tuition to Attend School. Tuition and fees for each academic year to be paid by the Student Financial Assistance Fund for a period of not more than four (4) years in an undergraduate program at the University of Guam. For awards granted under §15A101(2) of this Article, students shall receive an additional two (2) years of tuition and fees for a graduate degree upon successful completion of undergraduate studies and admission requirements for graduate school.

(b) Stipend Award recipients are entitled to a monthly stipend to be disbursed in nine (9) monthly installments during the academic year, as follows: (i) ~~forty-nine (49) or fewer semester hours completed~~ First-Year and Second-Year Students: Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per month; (ii) ~~sixty (60) and over semester hours to graduation~~ Third-year and Fourth-Year students: Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per month. For graduate students, Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) per month to be disbursed in nine (9) monthly installments during the academic year.

(c) *Allowance for Textbooks.* Each student receiving an award under the Article shall be entitled to an additional Two-hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) per semester for textbooks to be disbursed prior to the first day that classes begin.

(d) *Optional Inter-Session Allowed.*

(1) *Summer.* Each student shall be entitled to tuition, fees and textbooks for inter-session courses on a full-time basis. The maximum amount for textbooks is One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per summer session. ~~Students attending inter-session as provided herein shall be entitled to one (1) additional month's stipend, as defined in §15.1302(b) of this Article, for each inter-session cycle attended in the summer only. Students attending inter-session during the Summer Semester shall not be entitled to an additional stipend.~~

(2) *Between Fall and Spring Semesters.* Each student shall be entitled to tuition, fees and textbooks for inter-session courses on a full-time basis. The maximum amount for textbooks is One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Students attending inter-session between the Fall and Spring Semesters shall not be entitled to an additional stipend.

(e) *For those authorized to attend school off-Island as provided for herein, the amount of assistance shall not exceed the amount of assistance for a student attending school at the University of Guam."*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents of the University of Guam requests the expeditious approval of the Legislature, by legislation as recommended herein, and the subsequent approval of the Governor of Guam, the changes to the Student Financial Assistance Program Rules and Regulations for Merit Award pursuant to Public Law 25-86 as amended by Public Law 25-145.

Adopted this twenty-eighth day of June, 2001.


Marie R. Nelson, Chairwoman

ATTESTED:


Dr. Roy T. Tsuda, Executive Secretary



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27 JUL 2001

Carlos
OFFICE of the Vice-Speaker
LEONARDO P. GONZALEZ, Ph.D.
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman
Committee on Education

FROM: Acting Chairman *J.F. Ada*
Committee on Rules, General Governmental Operations, Reorganization and
Reform, and Federal, Foreign and General Affairs

SUBJECT: Principal Referral - Bill No. 132 (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.

JOSEPH F. ADA
Acting Chairman

Attachment

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Bill No. 132002

Introduced by:

L.F. Kasperbauer *LK*
A.R. Unpingco *6*
F.P. Camacho *J*

AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 15201, 15A301(a)(1), 15A302, 14A401 OF TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM'S STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND TO MAKE CHANGES TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM BOARD OF REGENTS.

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

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3 **Section 1.** Section 15A302 of Title 17 of the Guam Code Annotated is
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9 period of not more than four (4) years in an undergraduate program at the
10 University of Guam. For awards granted under §15A101(2) of this Article,
11 students shall receive an additional two (2) years of tuition and fees for a

1 graduate degree upon successful completion of undergraduate studies and
2 admission requirements for graduate school.

3 (b) **Stipend.** Award recipients are entitled to a monthly stipend
4 to be disbursed in nine (9) monthly installments during the academic year,
5 as follows: (i) ~~fifty-nine (59) or fewer semester hours completed~~ First-Year
6 and Second-Year Students: Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per month;
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8 Year students: Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per month. For graduate
9 students, Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) per month to be disbursed in nine
10 (9) monthly installments during the academic year.

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13 Dollars (\$250.00) per semester for textbooks to be disbursed prior to the
14 first day that classes begin.

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23 entitled to tuition, fees and textbooks for inter-session courses on a full-time
24 basis. ~~The maximum amount for textbooks is One Hundred Dollars~~
25 ~~(\$100.00).~~ ~~Students attending inter-session between the Fall and Spring~~
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2 students with prior college credits at the time of application
3 must have achieved an overall grade point average of at least
4 2.5 or its equivalent in the applicant's undergraduate studies.

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6 graduate or post-graduate degree, the applicant must have
7 achieved a grade point average of *not less than* 2.5 in
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17 preceding the starting date of the academic year the student will use
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8 master's degree program *if* pursuing a doctoral degree, or an
9 irrevocable letter of acceptance from a U.S. accredited professional
10 school, as recognized by the Council on Post Secondary
11 Accreditation ('COPA') or its successors;

12 (b) the applicant must agree to the repayment terms as
13 specified in §§15A403 and 15A404;

14 (c) the applicant must present to the Board prior to granting
15 of the award satisfactory proof that such applicant has been accepted
16 by a U.S. accredited college or university as recognized by COPA or
17 its successors , as a full-time student to pursue a program of study in
18 the field applied for; *and*

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COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
Mina' Bente Sais na Libeslaturan Guåhan

Bill 132 (COR) AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 15201, 15A301(A)(1), 15A302, 14A401 OF TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM'S STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND TO MAKE CHANGES TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM BOARD OF REGENTS – Introduced by L.F. Kasperbauer, A.R. Unpingco and F.P. Camacho.

Wednesday, August 1, 2001 – 2:00 p.m.
I Libeslatura Public Hearing Room

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August 1, 2001

The Honorable Lawrence F. Kasperbauer
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153 Hesler Street
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RE: Testimony regarding Bill 132 (COR)

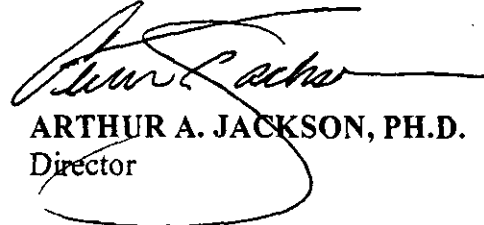
Dear Senator Kasperbauer:

Thank you for allowing our input for this public hearing regarding the Student Financial Assistance Program (SFAP) relative to the changes to the administrative rules and regulations as recommended by the University of Guam Board of Regents.

Our office is in full support of Bill 132 (COR) as it addresses the concerns we had previously discussed in great length with your office due to Public Law 25-145, especially concerning the Merit Award program. Under Bill 132 (COR), the stipend benefit is simplified and manageable. The textbook allowances are generous, thus not putting any limitations for textbooks during the Summer and between Fall and Spring semester intercession. In total, the Merit Award program incentives are still attractive in comparison to laws previously passed. In reference to adjudicating rules and regulations, sections 5 and 6 of Bill 132 (COR) address this concern and we are very supportive of the administrative flexibility it provides.

We appreciate your expeditious efforts in approving Bill 132.

Sincerely,



ARTHUR A. JACKSON, PH.D.
Director

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Vice Speaker and Chairman,
Committee on Education
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155 Hesler Street
Hagatna, Guam 96910

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Dear Senator Kasperbauer:

We appreciate the opportunity to support Bill 132 (COR) which encompasses changes to the administrative rules and regulations of the Student Financial Assistance Program (SFAP) as recommended by the University of Guam Board of Regents. The oral and written testimony will be presented by the Director of the University's Financial Aid Office.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Roy T. Tsuda, Ph.D.
Acting President



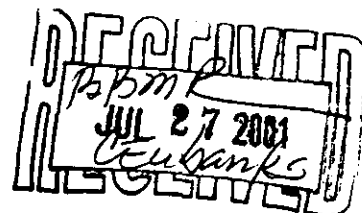
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July 24, 2001

Mr. Joseph E. Rivera
Director
Bureau of Budget & Management Research
P.O. Box 2950
Hagatna, Guam 96932



Dear Mr. Rivera:

Buenas yan hafa adai!

Pursuant to Chapter 9 of Title 2, Guam Code Annotated, I respectfully request that your office issue Fiscal Notes for the attached bill(s):

- **Bill No. 132 (COR)**

Thank you for your time and consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,

ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO
Speaker / Acting Chair, Committee on Education

Attachment

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GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Editor's note: Government meeting submissions will be tightly edited. Meetings will run on a space-available basis. Deadline is noon Friday for publication Saturday, Sunday and Monday, and noon Monday through Thursday for next day publication. In the event of a local holiday, deadline will be noon the previous weekday.

GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: Special meeting, noon July 30, GMHA board room, first floor, GMHA, Tamuning.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTOMETRY: Regular session meeting, 8:30 a.m. July 31, Health Professional Licensing Office, Tiyan. For special accommodations, call 475-0251/2.

SOUTHERN GUAM SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT: Regular monthly meeting, 7 p.m. July 31, at UOG Experiment Station.

GUAM DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL: General membership meeting, 4 p.m. July 31, governor's cabinet conference room. For special accommodations, call 475-9127 72 hours in advance.

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS and LAND SURVEYORS BOARD: Regular meeting, 2 p.m. July 31; board conference room. Call 646-3115.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION: Meeting, 5:30 p.m. July 31, CSC conference room, Agana Heights.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION: 2 p.m. Aug. 1, Legislature public hearing room, hearing on Bill 132 (COR) and confirmation hearing on the appointment of Colette G. Beausoliel as a member of the Guam Public Library Board. Call the office of Vice Speaker Larry Kasperbauer at 475-5437.

GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AU-

THORITY: Board of trustees meeting, noon Aug. 1, in the board room, first floor of GMHA administration wing. For special accommodations, contact Toni Villavicencio at 647-2211 or TDD at 649-1801.

MAYORS' COUNCIL OF GUAM: 10 a.m. Aug. 1, council's conference room, RJB complex, Adelup.

GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Monthly retreat, 5 p.m., and semi-monthly meeting, 6 p.m. Aug. 1, president's office conference room. For more information, call 735-5637.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD: Meeting, 10 a.m. Aug. 2, governor's cabinet conference room. For special accommodations, call 647-7161.

GUAM COUNCIL ON SENIOR CITIZENS: 3 p.m. Aug. 2, Minondo Conference Room. For more information, call 475-0263.

GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS: Regular meeting, noon Aug. 3, Health Professional Licensing Office, 1302 East Sunset Blvd., Tiyan.

GUAM COUNCIL ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES AGENCY: Regular board meeting, 4 p.m. Aug. 2, KAHA conference room, Tiyan. For special accommodations, call Jackie Balbas at 475-2242.

WORKER'S COMPENSATION COMMISSION: 2 p.m. Aug. 2, Department of Labor conference room, Tiyan.

SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT: District meeting, 2 p.m. Aug. 7, NRCS office, Garapan. Interagency watershed meeting, 9:30 a.m. Aug. 15, Division of Environmental Quality. For more information, call 233-3415/0650.

CONTRACTORS LICENSE BOARD: 10 a.m. Aug. 9, 23, board conference room. Call 646-7262.

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2001 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 132(102)

Introduced by:

L.F. Kasperbauer 
A.R. Unpingco 
F.P. Camacho 

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

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3 **Section 1.** Section 15A302 of Title 17 of the Guam Code Annotated is
4 hereby amended to read:

5 **"§15A302. Benefits.** Students entitled to merit awards pursuant to this
6 Article shall receive the following benefits:

7 **(a) Tuition to Attend School.** Tuition and fees for each
8 academic year to be paid by the Student Financial Assistance Fund for a
9 period of not more than four (4) years in an undergraduate program at the
10 University of Guam. For awards granted under §15A101(2) of this Article,
11 students shall receive an additional two (2) years of tuition and fees for a

1 graduate degree upon successful completion of undergraduate studies and
2 admission requirements for graduate school.

3 **(b) Stipend.** Award recipients are entitled to a monthly stipend
4 to be disbursed in nine (9) monthly installments during the academic year,
5 as follows: (i) ~~fifty-nine (59) or fewer semester hours completed~~ First-Year
6 and Second-Year Students: Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per month;
7 (ii) ~~sixty (60) and over semester hours to graduation~~ Third-year and Fourth-
8 Year students: Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per month. For graduate
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11 **(c) Allowance for Textbooks.** Each student receiving an
12 award under the Article shall be entitled to an additional Two-hundred Fifty
13 Dollars (\$250.00) per semester for textbooks to be disbursed prior to the
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15 **(d) Optional Inter-Session Allowed.**

16 **(1) Summer.** Each student shall be entitled to tuition, fees and
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18 ~~amount for textbooks is One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).—Students~~
19 ~~attending inter-session as provided herein shall be entitled to one (1)~~
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26 Semesters shall not be entitled to an additional stipend.

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4 for a student attending school at the University of Guam."
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6 **Section 2.** Section 15201 of Article 2, Chapter 15, Division 3 of Title
7 17 of the Guam Code Annotated, as amended by Public Law Number 25-
8 145, is hereby *amended* to read as follows:
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10 **"Section 15201. Students Entitled to Loans.** The Board is
11 authorized to approve loans for graduate and undergraduate studies or
12 training to qualified applicants who are admitted to the University of Guam,
13 the Guam Community College pursuant to the provisions of §15204 of this
14 Article or to a United States accredited off-Island college or university as
15 full-time students on regular status or by Distance Learning, that may
16 include classes by means of the internet, through a United States accredited
17 college or university or one (1) recognized by the Council on Postsecondary
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21 a United States citizen, or a permanent resident alien:

22 (1) applicants who are high school students at the time
23 of application must have achieved an overall grade point
24 average of at least 2.0 or its equivalent in the applicant's high
25 school studies; *and*

1 (2) applicants who are current or returning college
2 students with prior college credits at the time of application
3 must have achieved an overall grade point average of at least
4 2.5 or its equivalent in the applicant's undergraduate studies.

5 (3)(a) *If* the applicant is pursuing an academic
6 graduate or post-graduate degree, the applicant must have
7 achieved a grade point average of *not less than 2.5* in
8 undergraduate studies.

9 (3)(b) *If* the applicant is a graduating senior, final
10 approval of awards will be based on successful completion of
11 graduation requirements inclusive of a 2.5 grade point average.

12 All awards for graduate studies shall be based on acceptance in to a
13 graduate program. No awards shall be made for off-Island studies,
14 *unless* such course of studies are listed on the University's Career
15 Priority listing. For loans made after January 1, 2000, the applicant
16 must be a five (5) year resident of Guam for the period immediately
17 preceding the starting date of the academic year the student will use
18 such assistance and meet all other requirements herein.

19 (b) The applicant must agree to the provisions of §15203 of
20 this Article.

21 (c) The applicant must be in financial need, which shall be
22 determined by regulations authorized by §15105 of Article 1 of this
23 Chapter. In addition, the applicant must complete '*A Free*
24 *Application for Federal Student Aid*' ('FAFSA') form as documentary
25 evidence of need.

1 (d) The applicant must present to the Board *prior to* the
2 granting of the loan satisfactory proof that the applicant has been
3 admitted to an accredited college or university as a full-time student
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10 States accredited, or recognized by the Council on Postsecondary
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19 equivalent, and may use findings of any other survey or study to determine
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22 priorities for Guam prior to considering applications for the awards. The
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24 submitted to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* no later than January 1st of each year.

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1 increase the number of annual awards. The awards provided in this Article
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21 the school of attendance and one-way ticket to return to Guam upon completion of
22 studies.

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24 **Add 11.0. (G) (1) Obligations Of Recipients.**

25 (1) Except for deferment **and change of graduation date** requests,
26 special requests shall be submitted to the Board no later than two (2)

1 months (sixty (60) calendar days) prior to the start of the academic
2 term for which the request is to take effect. Requests received after
3 the two (2) months (sixty (60) calendar days), shall be acknowledged
4 and returned without any action indicating non-compliance with the
5 deadline requirement.

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7 **Section 6. Changes to Administrative Rules and Regulations.** The
8 University of Guam shall make the following changes to the Student Loan and
9 Professional Technical program Administrative Rules and Regulations and
10 notwithstanding any other provision of law, no further Legislative approval is
11 required:

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13 "All references to the '*Council on Post Secondary Education (COPA)*' shall
14 be changed to '*Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)*'".