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The Honorable Vicente C. Pangelinan  
Speaker  
Mina' Bente Siete Na Liheslaturan Guåhan  
155 Hessler Street  
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 276 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND §15906(d) OF CHAPTER 15, DIVISION 3, TITLE 17 OF GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, REGARDING THE REIMBURSEMENT RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DOC SANCHEZ SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT," now designated as **Public Law 27-135**.

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FELIX P. CAMACHO  
I Maga'låhen Guåhan  
Governor of Guam

Attachment: copy attached of signed bill

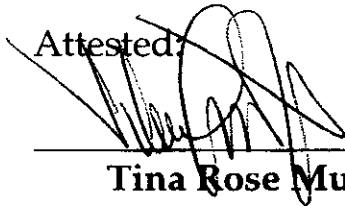
cc: The Honorable Tina Rose Muna-Barnes  
Senator and Legislative Secretary

I MINA'BENTE SIETE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
2004 (SECOND) Regular Session

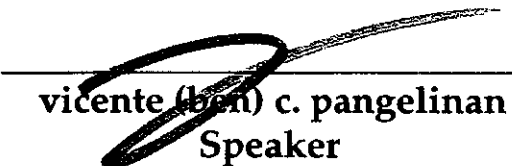
CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that Bill No. 276 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND §15906(d) OF CHAPTER 15, DIVISION 3, TITLE 17 OF GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, REGARDING THE REIMBURSEMENT RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DOC SANCHEZ SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT," was on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2004, duly and regularly passed.

Attested:



Tina Rose Muña Barnes  
Senator and Legislative Secretary



vicente (ben) c. pangelinan  
Speaker

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* this 20 day of December, 2004,  
at 5:50 o'clock P.M.



Assistant Staff Officer  
*Maga'lahi's Office*

APPROVED:



FELIX P. CAMACHO  
*I Maga'lahen Guåhan*

Date: December 30, 2004

Public Law No. 27-135

I MINA'BENTE SIETE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
2004 (SECOND) Regular Session

**Bill No. 276 (COR)**

As amended.

Introduced by:

L. A. Leon Guerrero  
Carmen Fernandez  
F. B. Aguon, Jr.  
J. M.S. Brown  
F. R. Cunliffe  
Mark Forbes  
L. F. Kasperbauer  
R. Klitzkie  
J. A. Lujan  
T. R. Muña Barnes  
v. c. pangelinan  
J. M. Quinata  
R. J. Respicio  
Toni Sanford  
Ray Tenorio

**AN ACT TO AMEND §15906(d) OF CHAPTER 15, DIVISION  
3, TITLE 17 OF GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, REGARDING  
THE REIMBURSEMENT RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DOC  
SANCHEZ SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT.**

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

2 **Section 1.** §15906(d) of Article 9, Chapter 15, Division 3, Title 17,  
3 Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

4 “(d) Upon completion or termination of the scholarship, the  
5 recipient shall be required to render service in a department, agency,  
6 office, autonomous or semi-autonomous instrumentality of the  
7 government of Guam, or in the judicial branch of government of Guam.

1 The required length of service to be rendered shall be for a period of two  
2 (2) years for every academic year of scholarship received by the  
3 recipient. The recipient, however, may opt to monetarily reimburse the  
4 government of Guam for all the expenses paid by the government of  
5 Guam, or the autonomous agency that incurred the cost for the  
6 recipient, in connection with such study grant.”



I MINA'BENTE SIETE NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN  
SENATOR CARMEN FERNANDEZ  
CHAIRPERSON  
Committee on Education and Housing

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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Senator Lou Leon Guerrero, Chairperson  
Committee on Rules & Health

FROM: Senator Carmen Fernandez

DATE: Thursday, May 27, 2004

The Committee on Education & Housing, to which was referred Bill 276 (COR): "An Act to Amend Article 9 Subsection 15906, item (d), of Chapter 15, Division 2 of Title 14 of the Guam Code Annotated Regarding the Reimbursement Responsibility of the Doc Sanchez Scholarship Recipients" has had the same under consideration, and now wishes to report back the same with the recommendation to do pass.

Transmitted herewith for your consideration and action is our Committee Report on the above subject matter.

The Committee votes are as follows:

<u>7</u>	<b>TO PASS</b>
<u>0</u>	<b>NOT TO PASS</b>
<u>0</u>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
<u>0</u>	<b>INACTIVE FILE</b>

A copy of the Committee report and other pertinent documents are attached for your immediate reference information.

Should you have any questions on the narrative report and the accompanying documents, please do not hesitate to call my office at 472-GUAM(4826). *Si Yu'os ma'ase.*

Attachments



I MINA'BENTE SIETE NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION & HOUSING  
 SENATOR CARMEN FERNANDEZ, CHAIR

Bill No. 276 (COR)

“AN ACT TO AMEND ARTICLE 9 SUBSECTION 15906, ITEM (d), OF CHAPTER 15, DIVISION 3 OF TITLE 17 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED REGARDING THE REIMBURSEMENT RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DOC SANCHEZ SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS.”

VOTING SHEET

	TO PASS	NOT TO PASS	ABSTAIN	INACTIVE FILE
Carmen Fernandez, Chair	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>		
vicente 'ben" c. pangelinan, Vice Chair	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>		
Frank B. Aguon, Jr., Member	<i>Frank B. Aguon, Jr.</i>	<i>3</i>		
Lou Leon Guerrero, Member	<i>Lou Leon Guerrero</i>	<i>3</i>		
Rory J. Respicio, Member	<i>RJR</i>	<i>3</i>		
Larry F. Kasperbauer, Member	<i>LFK</i>	<i>X</i>		
Jesse A. Lujan, Member	<i>JAL</i>	<i>3</i>		



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SENATOR CARMEN FERNANDEZ

MEMORANDUM

TO: Committee Members

FROM: Carmen Fernandez, Chair

DATE: Monday, May 24, 2004

RE: BILL 276 (COR) - An Act to Amend Article 9 Subsection 15906, Item (d), of Chapter 15, Division 3 of Title 17 of the Guam Code Annotated regarding the reimbursement responsibility of the Doc Sanchez Scholarship Recipients.

Transmitted herewith for your consideration and action is our Committee Report on the above subject matter.

This memorandum is accompanied by the following:

1. Committee Voting Sheet
2. Committee Report
3. Notice of Public Hearing

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

Should you have any questions on the narrative report and the accompanying documents, please do not hesitate to call my office at 472-GUAM(4826).

*Si Yu'os ma'ase.'*

Attachments

**COMMITTEE CHAIR**

- Education & Housing

**COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIR**

- Utilities & Land

**COMMITTEE MEMBER**

- Appropriation & Budgeting, General Government Operations, Reorganization & Reform
- Youth & Senior Citizens, Federal & Foreign Affairs, Military & Veteran Affairs, Human Resources & Natural Resources

**MAJORITY WHIP**



**I MINA'BENTE SIETE NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN**

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION & HOUSING**

**SENATOR CARMEN FERNANDEZ, CHAIR**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Bill 276 (COR):**

**AN ACT TO AMEND ARTICLE 9 SUSECTION 15906, ITEM (d), OF CHAPTER 15, DIVISION 3 OF TITLE 17 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED REGARDING THE REIMBURSEMENT RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DOC SANCHEZ SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS.**



## **I. OVERVIEW**

The Committee on Education and Housing held a public hearing on Thursday, May 13, 2004 at 3:00 P.M. in the Guam Legislature Public Hearing Room in Hagatña, Guam. Notice of public hearing was printed in the Pacific Daily News and Marianas Variety (see attached) and also disseminated throughout all local media.

Senators present were:

Senator Carmen Fernandez, Chair  
Senator Larry F. Kasperbauer, Committee Member  
Senator Lou Leon Guerrero, Committee Member  
Senator Rory Respicio, Committee Member  
Senator Robert Klitzkie

## **II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY**

The following bill was heard at the public hearing in which the following individual presented oral testimony:

*Bill 276 (COR): An Act to Amend Article 9 Subsection 15906, item (d), of Chapter 15, Division 2 of Title 14 of the Guam Code Annotated Regarding the Reimbursement Responsibility of the Doc Sanchez Scholarship Recipients.*

### **1. Fred Nishihara, Department of Education.**

Mr. Nishihara's was concerned that a significant number of recipients leave right after obtaining their degree. Further, the program does not provide an appropriate incentive for the various departments to continue participating in this program, since what they get in return is minimal. He suggested that the employee has to return to the agency or department that allowed them to go through the program. He also suggested that reimbursement is a loan and that interest should be applied to the amount of the total costs. Currently, the law only allows for expenses paid without interest.

Senator Leon Guerrero noted that she is not aware of interest being applied through the University of Guam, but will further research on this issue. Senator Kasperbauer clarified that if the recipient defaults, then the full amount is due immediately. He further stated that no repayment plan is available for the program and that the employee must return to the agency that put them through the program.

## **III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee on Education and Housing finds that there is strong support for the intent and direction of bill 276. The Committee recognizes the importance of this bill and that a concerted effort needs to take place in order to improve the effectiveness of the reimbursement of the Doc Sanchez. The committee has taken note of the concerns presented by the senators and has incorporated changes to the bill that address the concerns and will allow for an effective

implementation date. Accordingly, the Committee on Education and Housing does hereby submit its findings and recommendation to *I Mina'Bente Siete Na Liheslaturan Guahan* **TO DO PASS** Bill 276 (COR): *An Act to Amend Article 9 Subsection 15906, item (d), of Chapter 15, Division 2 of Title 14 of the Guam Code Annotated Regarding the Reimbursement Responsibility of the Doc Sanchez Scholarship Recipients.*