

I MINA 'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Bill No. 332- 35 (COR)

As substituted on the floor

Introduced by:

Telena Cruz Nelson

AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 4124(b)(1) ~~TO~~ CHAPTER 4, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING AN EXEMPTION FROM THE SERVICE-LEARNING GRADUATION REQUIREMENT FOR ~~TWELFTH-GRADE~~ ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF ENROLLED DURING SCHOOL YEAR 2019-2020 AND ~~REQUIRING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION TO SUBMIT THE LIST OF ELIGIBLE STUDENTS TO THE GUAM EDUCATION BOARD.~~

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslatura* finds that Public
3 Law 30-53 required the Guam Department of Education high school students to
4 complete seventy-five (75) hours of service learning in order to graduate from high
5 school beginning with the ninth (9th) grade class in School Year 2011-2012.

6 *I Liheslatura* recognizes that the service-learning requirement as established
7 requires students to actively participate in organized service activities. *I Liheslatura*
8 further recognizes that due to the novel coronavirus, COVID-19 outbreak, many
9 students ~~may be~~ are unable to physically participate in these activities.

10 Thus, it is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to create an exemption for ~~twelfth (12th)~~
11 ~~grade~~ all high school students enrolled during ~~of~~ School Year 2019-2020 from the

1 requirements set forth in Public Law 30-53, ~~provided that the student has met all~~
2 ~~other graduation requirements. It is also the intent of I Liheslatura to require the~~
3 ~~Superintendent of Education to submit the list of students eligible for this exemption~~
4 ~~to the Guam Education Board.~~

5 **Section 2.** A new §4124(b)(1) of Chapter 4, Title 17, Guam Code
6 Annotated, is hereby added ~~to read the following~~ as follows:

7 “(b) Beginning with the ninth (9th) grade class in the 2011 and 2012
8 School Year, and for every school year thereafter, each student *shall*
9 complete seventy-five (75) hours of service learning as a requirement for
10 high school graduation. Service hours earned *shall* be printed on each
11 report card. The Superintendent, with the approval of the Board, shall
12 establish the minimum number of hours of service learning required by the
13 end of the student’s eleventh (11th) grade year in order to be promoted to
14 senior status. The Superintendent, with the approval of the Board, *shall*
15 establish the prorated number of hours of service learning for students
16 transferring into the Department of Education from off-island, or from
17 private schools, after the start of their sophomore year to be promoted to
18 senior status and high school graduation.

19 (1) ~~The All high school twelfth (12th) grade students of enrolled during~~
20 ~~School Year 2019-2020 shall be exempt from the provisions of this~~
21 ~~Section and Public Law 30-53, provided that the student has met all~~
22 ~~other graduation requirements. The Superintendent of Education shall~~
23 ~~submit to the Guam Education Board the list of students eligible for this~~
24 ~~exemption.”~~

1 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to
2 any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity
3 *shall not* affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect
4 without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
5 Act are severable.

6 **Section 4. Effective Date.** Provisions in this Act *shall* take effect
7 immediately upon enactment.