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**BILL STATUS**

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Bill No. 252 - 35 (COP)

Introduced by:

Telena Cruz Nelson 

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslatura* finds that Public  
3 Law 28-45 enacted the “Every Child is Entitled to an Adequate Public Education  
4 Act”, mandating at least one hundred eighty (180) instructional days each school  
5 year. Public Law 34-105 amended the Act by converting the one hundred eighty  
6 (180) instructional days into nine hundred (900) instructional hours for elementary  
7 schools and one thousand two hundred sixty (1,260) instructional hours for  
8 secondary schools.

9 *I Liheslatura* further finds that on October 24, 2019 the Guam Education  
10 Board (GEB) transmitted to *I Liheslatura* an Amended Guam Education Board  
11 Resolution 2019-10 (the Resolution) relative to requesting the 35<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature  
12 to amend the ascribed equivalency for the one hundred eighty (180) instructional  
13 days requirement for public schools.

1            *I Liheslatura* further finds, through the Resolution, that the Joint Board Union  
2 Calendar Committee (JBUCC), comprised of school administrators, Guam  
3 Federation of Teacher designees and representatives, the Guam Department of  
4 Education Payroll Officer, the Program Director of Head Start, deputy  
5 superintendents, and a GEB member who serves in a liaison capacity, advised the  
6 Superintendent of Education that the amendment written in Public Law 34-105  
7 created discrepancies between elementary and secondary schools instructional hours  
8 when including and excluding meal times and breaks.

9            *I Liheslatura* further finds that the JBUCC suggested that the one hundred  
10 eighty (180) instructional days or its equivalence be converted to nine hundred (900)  
11 instructional hours, at a minimum, per school year for both elementary and  
12 secondary schools and that the current statute be strengthened to require that  
13 Superintendent to develop a standard operating procedure for the loss of  
14 instructional time.

15            Thus, it is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to mandate nine hundred (900)  
16 instructional hours per school year for Guam’s elementary and secondary public  
17 schools. Further, *I Liheslatura* intends to mandate that the Superintendent of  
18 Education develop a standard operating procedure for the arrangement of the loss  
19 and makeup of instructional time for Guam’s public schools.

20            **Section 2.** Items (A) and (B) of § 715(1)(13) of Guam Code Annotated are  
21 hereby *amended* to read:

22            “(13) at least ~~one hundred eighty (180) instructional days~~, nine hundred (900)  
23 instructional hours or its equivalence including make-up days each school year with  
24 school years ending no later than thirty (30) days following the end of the calendared  
25 school year.

1 (A)The one hundred eighty (180) instructional days are to be converted  
2 into the equivalent hours by computing elementary school days at five  
3 (5) hours per day for a total of nine hundred (900) per year, and by  
4 computing middle school and high school days at seven (7) hours per  
5 day for a total of one thousand two hundred sixty (1,260) hours. nine  
6 hundred (900) instructional hours per school year for both elementary  
7 and secondary schools.

8 (B)The Superintendent of Education shall develop a standard operating  
9 procedure for the arrangement of the loss and makeup of instructional  
10 hours in the event of emergencies or natural disasters that disrupt  
11 instructional time. Scheduled Easter and Christmas breaks *shall not* be  
12 included in makeup days or hours; and”

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

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