

*I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
**BILL STATUS**

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332-35 (COR)	Telena Cruz Nelson	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 4124(b)(1) OF CHAPTER 4, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING AN EXEMPTION FROM THE SERVICE-LEARNING GRADUATION REQUIREMENT FOR TWELFTH-GRADE STUDENTS OF SCHOOL YEAR 2019-2020 AND REQUIRING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION TO SUBMIT THE LIST OF ELIGIBLE STUDENTS TO THE GUAM EDUCATION BOARD.	4/3/20 12:49 p.m.						

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**2020 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 332 - 35 (COR)**

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 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 (9<sup>th</sup>) 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 COVID-19 outbreak, students may be unable to  
9 physically participate in these activities.

10 Thus, it is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to create an exemption for twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>)  
11 grade students of School Year 2019-2020 from the requirements set forth in Public  
12 Law 30-53, provided that the student has met all other graduation requirements. It is

1 also the intent of *I Liheslatura* to require the Superintendent of Education to submit  
2 the list of students eligible for this exemption to the Guam Education Board.

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

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

17 (1) The twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) grade students of School Year 2019-2020 shall  
18 be exempt from the provisions of this Section, provided that the student  
19 has met all other graduation requirements. The Superintendent of  
20 Education shall submit to the Guam Education Board the list of students  
21 eligible for this exemption.”

22 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to  
23 any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity  
24 *shall not* affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect

1 without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
2 Act are severable.

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