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Bill No. *41*-35(COR)

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guahan* finds that the Public Policy Institute is a prestigious student internship program established by Speaker Judith T. Won Pat of the Thirty-First Guam Legislature. Resolution 26-32 (COR) was previously introduced to add the implementation of the Public Policy Institute under the Duties of the Speaker.

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I Liheslaturan Guahan also finds that the program provides interns exposure to a vast network of distinguished leaders as well as to an array of professional and training opportunities for them to gain leadership, research, and work place skills and experiences. The Institute is a unique and rigorous program where interns have the opportunity to learn first-hand about the island's legislative process by participating in a variety of activities from bill research and writing, organizing and conducting public policy briefings, paging, and by providing executive-level staffing. Interns may also respond to constituent inquiries, draft correspondence, and assist with general office operations.

Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* to *add* a new chapter 16 to title 2 of the Guam Code Annotated relative to expanding, enhancing and implementing the "Public Policy Institute" (PPI) program for our youths of the island.

Section 2. The new Chapter is hereby *added* to read;

“§Section 16101. Short Title.

§Section 16102. Administration.

§Section 16103. Requirements.

§Section 16104. Selection and Assignments.

§Section 16105. Cohort Seasons.

§Section 16106. Graduation.

§16101. Short Title. Chapter 16, of Title 2 of the Guam Code Annotated *shall* be named "Public Policy Institute Program."

§16102. Administration.

1 (a) The Public Policy Institute (PPI) *shall* be under the administration of the
2 Speakers Office and in conjunction with the Chairperson on the Committee of
3 Youth Affairs within *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

4 (b) The Speaker’s Office in partnership with the Chairperson on the
5 Committee on Youth Affairs *shall* have full and final authority over selection and
6 assignment of students within the PPI Program and *shall* set all requirements that
7 are not stated within this Act in regards to applications and assignments.

8 **§16103. Eligibility.**

9 In order for a student to be accepted into the PPI Program the student *shall* send in
10 an application provided by the Speaker’s Office and meet the following
11 requirements;

12 (a) The student *shall* be a resident of Guam for the twelve (12) months
13 immediately preceding the start of the program.

14 (b) The student *shall* have a cumulative Grade Point Average of at
15 least three point (3.0);

16 (c) The student *shall* be enrolled in any educational facility and have
17 the credits equivalent to a Sophomore in high school or higher;

18 (d) The student *shall* submit a personal statement within their
19 application to show strong writing and analytical skills, as well a strong
20 desire to be selected to the program;

21 (e) The student *shall* submit a letter of recommendation from a school
22 official and a government official or community leader;

(f) The student *shall* submit a copy of their most recent report card or certified transcript.

§16104. Selection and Assignments.

(a) Selections.

(1) The Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and Chairperson on the Committee on Youth Affairs *shall* choose qualified candidates and *shall* follow all laws in regards to non-discrimination practices. No less than fifty percent (50%) of all students selected to participate in PPI *shall* be enrolled in the Guam Public School System.

(2) All applicants who are selected *shall* have gone through an interview process, however, not all candidates *shall* be guaranteed an interview with the Speaker.

(3) The number of applicants selected *shall* be at the discretion of the Speaker.

(4) Students selected as interns *shall* serve at the pleasure of the Speaker or their assigned Senator.

(5) Should a student not meet the eligibility criteria, the Speaker *may* waive any eligibility requirements.

(b) Assignments.

(1) The Speaker *shall* have the discretion to assign students to certain Senators based on the applicant's interest, work ethic, and interview.

§16105. Cohort Seasons. The PPI Program *shall* be divided into three cohorts; Summer Cohort, Fall Cohort and Spring Cohort.

§16106. Graduation.

(a) To meet graduation requirements for the PPI Program interns *shall*;

(1) Complete a minimum of eighty (80) hours in office hours within the eight (8) week period;

(2) Provide written and oral testimony on a bill during a public hearing of their choice;

(3) Work under the supervision of the Clerk of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for one (1) session;

(4) Assist with constituent work in the capacity of their senatorial office;

(5) Participate in at least one (1) policy briefing with their senatorial office; and

(6) Serve as a page of at least (1) public hearing or session.

(b) To meet graduation with distinction, the requirements for the PPI Program interns as well as the above requirements in Section 16106(a) *shall*;

(1) Complete a minimum of one hundred and sixty (160) in office hours within the duration of their cohort;

(2) Conduct at least two (2) policy briefings within their senatorial offices; and

(3) Demonstrate a high degree of professionalism within the work place and personal life; and

(4) Research and write an original bill fit for introduction and demonstrate a knowledge of the Legislative process; and

(5) Participate in an outreach program or any other approved civic activity.

Interns who graduate with a distinction *shall* receive a Legislative Resolution from the Speaker's Office and a cord to wear during graduation from their educational institution.