

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

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<b>67-35 (COR)</b>	Telena Cruz Nelson	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 22107(i) TO CHAPTER 22 OF TITLE 7, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXEMPTING STUDENTS FROM JURY SERVICE.	3/15/19 3:56 p.m.						

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**2019 (FIRST) Regular Session**

Bill No. *67*-35 (*CR*)

Introduced by:

Telena Cruz Nelson

**AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW § 22107(i) TO CHAPTER 22 OF  
TITLE 7, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO  
EXEMPTING STUDENTS FROM JURY SERVICE.**

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

**Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.**

*I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that all persons selected for jury service are obligated to serve as jurors when summoned unless otherwise excused by the court when serious personal hardships or that of other good cause arises.

*I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that there are approximately four thousand (4,000) high school and college students who regularly attend classes at a college or high school, some of whom are negatively affected when required to miss class for jury service. On average, students are allowed no more than three excused absences. Additionally, most teachers and professors have attendance requirements that directly impact the student's grades. As a result, students spend additional time studying to catch up on missed class material, assignments, or exams.

It is, therefore, the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to prevent additional hardship on a student's education by allowing those who are actively attending classes from Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., to be exempt from jury service.

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1           **Section 2.** A new § 22107(i) is *added* to Chapter 22 of Title 7, Guam Code  
2 Annotated, to read:

3           “**§ 22107. Exempt When.**

4           A person may claim exemption from service as a juror if he or she is:

5           (a) a member in the active service of the armed forces of the United States;

6           (b) an elected official, or a judge, of the United States or the Territory of  
7 Guam;

8           (c) an actively engaged member of the clergy;

9           (d) an actively practicing attorney, physician, dentist, or registered nurse;

10          (e) a member of the Fire or Police Department, or an employee of a  
11 government contractor engaged in providing internal security or fire protection for  
12 such contractors;

13          (f) a person who has served as a juror, either in the Superior Court or the  
14 United States District Court of Guam, within two (2) years preceding the time of  
15 filling out the juror qualification form;

16          (g) over sixty-five years old; ~~or~~

17          (h) any woman who is breastfeeding, but only if the child receives  
18 nourishment exclusively from breastfeeding and the woman is able to present a  
19 medical attestation from a physician, a Certified Lactation Counselor (CLC), or an  
20 International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC) to such fact; or

21          (i) a high school or college student actively attending classes Monday  
22 through Friday between the hours of 8am to 5pm.”

23           **Section 3. Effective Date.** This act *shall* be effective upon enactment.