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AN ACT TO ADD ARTICLE 13 TO CHAPTER 15  
AND TO ADD ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 18 BOTH  
OF TITLE 17 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED,  
RELATIVE TO THE DR. ANTONIO C.  
YAMASHITA TEACHER CORPS.

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds  
3 that the Department of Education faces a shortage of teachers annually. *I*  
4 *Liheslatura* recognizes that the Yamashita Educator Corps was created to  
5 encourage and produce the number of teachers necessary to educate our  
6 island's children. *I Liheslatura* further recognizes that the impact on the fiscal  
7 budget due to the current status of the national and world economy does not  
8 allow for a larger appropriation to the Yamashita Educator Corps. Due to this  
9 realization, *I Liheslatura* finds that in order to provide the adequate benefits to  
10 all students and potential teachers within our public school system, program  
11 changes to the Yamashita Educator Corps (YEC) need to be made. Currently,  
12 students under the YEC receive benefits of a full payment of tuition and fees  
13 for attendance at the University of Guam, a payment of \$250 for textbooks for  
14 each semester, and monthly stipend. Under the current YEC, there is an

1 undergraduate program that seeks to produce teachers, and two graduate  
2 programs, one seeking to establish a corps of principals and the other for  
3 counselors.

4 *I Liheslatura* finds that although principals and counselors are an  
5 essential part of any school system, the teacher shortage crisis is more critical  
6 and requires significant attention. It is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to delete the  
7 principal corps and the counselor corps under the YEC in order to focus  
8 funding toward producing teachers.

9 *I Liheslatura* further finds that in order to maximize benefits for more  
10 student scholarships, *I Liheslatura* intends to limit scholarship benefits to only  
11 full payment of tuition and fees and a credit of \$500 each semester for the  
12 purchase of textbooks. Based on the current total amount of student benefits  
13 for the four year undergraduate program at the School of Education at the  
14 University of Guam compared to the total amount of proposed student  
15 benefits for the four year undergraduate program at the School of Education  
16 at the University of Guam, there will be a total of one extra scholarship for  
17 every one point six students currently enrolled in the YEC undergraduate  
18 program. For every two students currently enrolled in the YEC graduate  
19 program, one new scholarship is available for the undergraduate program.

20 **Section 2. Community Service Requirements.** Article 13 is hereby  
21 *added* to Chapter 15 of Title 17 of the Guam Code Annotated to read:

22 **“ARTICLE 13**

23 **THE DR. ANTONIO C. YAMASHITA TEACHER CORPS**

- 1 § 151301. The Dr. Antonio C. Yamashita Educator Corps: Creation.
- 2 § 151302. Administration of Educator Corp.
- 3 § 151303. Rules and Regulations.
- 4 § 151304. Selection Committee.
- 5 § 151305. Academic Advisor and Program Contract.
- 6 § 151306. Teacher Corps Scholarships.
- 7 § 151307. Same: Benefits.
- 8 § 151308. Same: Those With Prior Baccalaureate Degree.
- 9 § 151309. Same: For Specialist Teachers.
- 10 § 151310. Same: For Non-education Majors.
- 11 § 151311. Same: Prioritization of Scholarships According to Teaching Needs.

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13 **§ 151301. The Dr. Antonio C. Yamashita Teacher Corps: Creation.**

14 There is hereby created *'The Dr. Antonio C. Yamashita Teacher Corps'*  
15 (*'Teacher Corps'*). Awards granted under this Article shall be granted for  
16 AY2010-2011 and thereafter.

17 **§ 151302. Administration of Educator Corps.**

18 The University of Guam Board of Regents shall administer this program  
19 pursuant to §15102 of this Chapter.

20 **§ 151303. Rules and Regulations.**

21 All rules and regulations adopted by the Educator Corps Council *prior*  
22 to the enactment of this Article *shall* remain effective *unless* they are *amended* or  
23 *repealed* by the Board in a manner consistent with §15105 of this Chapter.

24 **§ 151304. Selection Committee.**

1 (a) There shall be annually established a Yamashita Teacher Corps  
2 Evaluation and Selection Committee ('the Committee') composed of the  
3 following:

4 (i) two (2) members of the Board of Regents of the University of  
5 Guam;

6 (ii) one (1) alumnus of the Teacher Corps undergraduate program  
7 selected by the University of Guam Alumni Association;

8 (iii) one (1) alumnus of the Counselor Corp or Principal Corp  
9 program selected by the University of Guam Alumni Association; and

10 (iv) one (1) faculty selected by the Dean of the School of Education.

11 The Committee shall conduct interviews annually for the purpose of  
12 selecting scholarships recipients under the programs listed within this Article.  
13 The passing of the oral interviews, the meeting of established University of  
14 Guam entrance and academic requirements shall constitute the primary  
15 criteria for selection of scholarship recipients. The Board may prescribe  
16 additional qualifications for admission to the scholarship programs.

17 (b) Applications for the Yamashita Educator Corps Scholarship  
18 programs shall be received by April 30 of every year and applicants shall be  
19 interviewed at a time and place designated by the Committee prior to June 30.  
20 Awards shall be granted prior to July 30 in a written notice to the selected  
21 applicant, and the applicant's school administrator, if applicable.

22 **§ 151305. Academic Advisor and Program Contract.**

23 Each Yamashita Educator Corps program scholarship recipient shall  
24 have an academic advisor who, with the student, shall develop a complete

1 academic plan that would result in the granting of the applicable degree  
2 within the prescribed period of time. This plan shall be examined by the  
3 appropriate University official, as determined by the Board, and upon  
4 approval, shall constitute a contract between the student and the University.

5 **§ 151306. Teacher Corps Scholarships.**

6 The Yamashita Teacher Corps shall consist of students who have  
7 declared their intention to become educators and who are enrolled in the  
8 teacher educational programs at the University of Guam and who have been  
9 duly accepted into the Yamashita Teacher Corps Scholarship Program.  
10 Scholarship and financial assistance may be awarded to eligible students who  
11 meet the following criteria:

12 (a) are *bona fide* residents of Guam;

13 (b) are citizens or permanent resident aliens of the United States;

14 (c) are seniors or graduates of an accredited high school with an  
15 overall grade point average of not less than 2.5 on a 4.0 scale;

16 (d) have been admitted to the University of Guam in accordance to  
17 its admissions policies;

18 (e) maintain an overall grade point average of 3.0 or better during  
19 the term of assistance under this program;

20 (f) agree to practice education in a public school funded by the  
21 government of Guam in areas of need upon graduation and certification  
22 to practice on Guam (If no vacant teaching positions exist in such public  
23 schools in his or her area(s) of certification, a Teacher Corps graduate  
24 may teach in a private school on Guam towards meeting their Teacher

1 Corps scholarship repayment obligations. The Guam Department of  
2 Education and the Guam Community College shall certify that no  
3 vacancies in the Teacher Corps graduates area(s) of certification exist  
4 prior to allowing private school employment. The required length of  
5 service to be rendered shall be for a period of two (2) years for every  
6 academic year of scholarship received by the recipient. For purposes of  
7 this section, a year of service is equal to twelve (12) months. Only  
8 teaching service in public schools funded by the government of Guam  
9 and/or Guam private schools licensed by the government of Guam shall  
10 be credited for repayment of the Teacher Corps scholarship. Those  
11 Teacher Corps graduates who were allowed to teach in licensed private  
12 schools on Guam shall accept employment with the Guam Department  
13 of Education should a position in their area(s) of certification become  
14 available at the start of each semester until such time that their  
15 scholarship is repaid. The Guam Department of Education and the  
16 Guam Community College shall provide each eligible graduate a notice  
17 of available position at least thirty (30) days prior to the required date of  
18 employment. The student further agrees that, in the event of refusal to  
19 fulfill this obligation, the student shall repay the government of Guam  
20 an amount equal to the balance of the total monthly allowances paid to  
21 the student which have not already been satisfied through service or  
22 payment, including tuition, stipends and the actual cost to the  
23 government of textbooks and supplies. Any deferment of repayment  
24 through services shall conform to rules adopted by the Board; and

1 (g) have been recommended to the program by: (1) an educator,  
2 including a teacher/instructor, counselor or school administrator who  
3 worked in an educational institution at the time the applicant was a  
4 student in such educational institution, and (2) by any other individual  
5 other than a relative who can attest to the character of the applicant.

6 **§ 151307. Same: Benefits.**

7 (1) Students entitled to scholarships pursuant to §151306 of this Article  
8 shall receive the following benefits:

9 (a) Payment of tuition and fees.

10 (b) An allowance of up to Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per  
11 regular semester, and up to One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for the  
12 summer semester for textbooks to be disbursed prior to the first day of  
13 such semester.

14 (2) As a condition for continuing full entitlement to the benefits  
15 provided in this Chapter, undergraduate recipients must maintain a full-time  
16 enrollment of twelve (12) semester credits minimum per semester, six (6)  
17 semester credits per summer semester, and good academic standing with a  
18 grade point average of 3.0 or better. No student may receive benefits beyond  
19 the number of calendar years normally required to complete such student's  
20 program.

21 (3) Employees of GDOE. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
22 administrative rules and regulations, School Aides, Library Technicians,  
23 Limited-Term Teachers with a bachelors degree or higher who are seeking  
24 teacher certification, and Chamorro Language Teachers whom do not have a

1 bachelors degree, that are employed by the Guam Department of Education,  
2 may qualify for financial assistance through the Guam Teacher Corps and  
3 may: (1) continue such employment while enrolled in the Guam Teacher  
4 Corps; and (2) enroll in the Guam Teacher Corps on a part-time basis. Other  
5 employees within the Guam Department of Education may qualify for  
6 assistance as provided by this Section; provided that such employees' actual  
7 job duties primarily deal with the instruction or supervision of students. A  
8 letter of recommendation from the applicant's supervisor attesting to the  
9 applicant's job duties shall be required.

10 **§ 151308. Same: Those With Prior Baccalaureate Degree.**

11 The Board may award Teacher Corps scholarships to individuals  
12 possessing a baccalaureate degree in a course of study other than education  
13 for the purpose of meeting teacher certification requirements. The  
14 scholarships awarded under this Section shall be based on the recruitment  
15 needs of the Guam Department of Education/Guam Community College and  
16 shall be limited to a period of time not to exceed two (2) years.

17 **§ 151309. Same: For Specialist Teachers.**

18 The Educator Corps Council may award Teacher Corps scholarships  
19 beyond the four (4) year limitation of §151307 for individuals to seek graduate  
20 training, that may include a masters degree, for teaching specialties that  
21 require training beyond a baccalaureate degree. This Section shall apply only  
22 to specialist areas that require graduate training as a minimum requirement  
23 for certification and shall *not* be used for as a means for existing teachers to  
24 meet promotional requirements. The scholarships awarded under this Section



1 shall be based on the recruitment needs of the Guam Department of  
2 Education/Guam Community College and shall be limited to a period of time  
3 not to exceed two (2) years. The Board may, base on the needs of the Guam  
4 Department of Education or the Guam Community College for specialist  
5 teachers, authorize part-time scholarships if the prospective scholarship  
6 recipient is a teacher with the Guam Department of Education or the Guam  
7 Community College.

8 **§ 151310. Same: For Non-education Majors.**

9 The Board may award Teacher Corps Scholarships to individuals  
10 majoring in a course of study other than education; provided, that such course  
11 of study meets the requirements for concentration and certification in a  
12 subject related to secondary education and that such individuals, in addition  
13 to courses required for their major, complete the minimum courses required  
14 for teacher certification in secondary education.

15 **§ 151311. Same: Prioritization of Scholarships According to Teaching Needs.**

16 The Board shall prioritize the granting of Teacher Corps Scholarships  
17 according to the teaching needs (subject area) as identified by the Guam  
18 Department of Education and the Guam Community College.”

19 **Section 3. Sunset Provision.** Article 7 is hereby *added* to Chapter 18 of  
20 Title 17 of the Guam Code Annotated to read:

21 **“ARTICLE 7**

22 **SUNSET PROVISION**

23 **§18701. Sunset Provision of Scholarships Awarded Under this Chapter.**

24 No new scholarships shall be awarded under the provisions of this

1 Chapter after the Academic Year 2009-2010. Thereafter, Yamashita Educator  
2 Corps Scholarships shall be awarded pursuant to the provisions under Article  
3 13 of Chapter 15 of Title 17 of the Guam Code Annotated.”