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**BILL STATUS**

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES	NOTES
232-35 (COR)	Telena Cruz Nelson	AN ACT TO AMEND <del>ITEMS (A) AND (B) OF § 715(I)(13) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO DEFINING THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS EQUIVALENT AS 900 INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS FOR GUAM PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS; AND FOR GUAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND REQUIRING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR THE ARRANGEMENT</del> <u>MAKING UP OF THE ARRANGEMENT OF LOSS AND MAKE-UP OF INSTRUCTIONAL TIME FOR GUAM'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS.</u>	11/4/19 1:07 p.m.	1/8/20	Committee on Education, Air Transportation, and Statistics, Research, and Planning	2/6/20 10:00 a.m.	2/25/20 4:00 p.m.	Waiver: 11/25/19	



# OFFICE OF VICE SPEAKER TELENA CRUZ NELSON

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, AIR TRANSPORTATION, AND STATISTICS, RESEARCH, AND PLANNING  
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**18 FEB 2020**

The Honorable Tina Rose Muña Barnes  
Speaker  
*I Mina'trentai Singko na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
163 Chalan Santo Papa  
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Via: The Honorable Régine Biscoe Lee, Chairperson of the Committee on Rules

*For General*

**Re: Committee Report on Bill No. 232-35 (COR), As Amended by the Committee**

*Håfa Adai* Speaker Barnes,

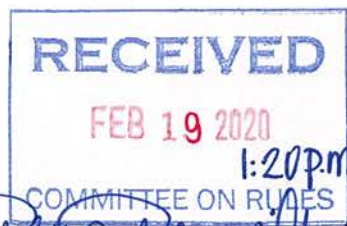
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Committee votes are as follows:

- 3 TO DO PASS
- 0 TO NOT PASS
- 2 TO REPORT OUT ONLY
- 0 TO ABSTAIN
- 0 TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE

*Senseramente,*

Vice Speaker Telena Nelson



*Revisions Rec'd Feb 24, 2020*

*@ 10:30 a.m*

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

**Bill No. 232-35 (COR)**

*As amended by the Committee on Education, Air Transportation,  
and Statistics, Research, and Planning*

**Introduced by Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson**

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18 FEB 2020

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** All Members  
Committee on Education, Air Transportation, and Statistics, Research, and Planning

**From:** Vice Speaker **Telena C. Nelson**, Committee Chairperson 

**Subject:** Committee Report Bill No. 232-35 (COR), As Amended by the Committee

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The following items have been included as part of this report:

- Copy of COR Referral of Bill No. 232-35 (COR)
- Notices of Public Hearing
- Copy of the Public Hearing Agenda
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Submitted Testimonies
- Committee Report Digest
- Copy of Bill No. 232-35 (COR) As Introduced
- Copy of Bill No. 232-35 (COR) As amended by the Committee
- Mark-up of Bill No. 232-35 (COR)
- Copy of Fiscal Note from Bureau of Budget Management and Research
- Committee Vote Sheet

Please take the appropriate action on the vote sheet appended to this report. *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'.*

Senator Régine Biscoe Lee,  
Chair

Senator Amanda L. Shelton,  
Vice Chair

Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes,  
Member

Vice Speaker Telen Cruz Nelson,  
Member

Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD,  
Member

Senator Sabina Flores Perez,  
Member



**COMMITTEE ON RULES**  
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January 8, 2020

Senator Clynton E. Ridgell,  
Member

Senator Joe S. San Agustin,  
Member

Senator Jose "Pedo" Terlaje,  
Member

Senator Therese M. Terlaje,  
Member

Senator James C. Moylan,  
Member

Senator Mary Camacho Torres,  
Member and Chair, Subcommittee on Protocol

## MEMO

**To:** **Rennae Meno**  
Clerk of the Legislature  
**Attorney Ana Won Pat-Borja**  
Legislative Legal Counsel

**From:** **Senator Amanda L. Shelton**  
Acting Chair, Committee on Rules

**Re:** **Referral of Bill No. 232-35 (COR)**

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*Buenas yan Håfa adai.*

As per my authority as Acting Chair of the Committee on Rules and subject to §6.01(d), Rules VI of our Standing Rules, I am forwarding the referral of Bill No. 232-35 (COR).

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred to the **Committee on Education, Air Transportation, and Statistics, Research, and Planning by Vice Speaker Telen Cruz Nelson.**

I also request that the same be forwarded to the prime sponsor of the subject bill.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mary Maravilla, Committee on Rules Director at 472-2461.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amanda L. Shelton".

Senator Amanda L. Shelton  
Acting Chair, Committee on Rules





Telena Cruz Nelson <senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org>

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28 January 2020

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 From: Vice-Speaker Telena Nelson, Chairperson  
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Received, thank you.

Maria Gutierrez

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## Second Notice of Public Hearing: Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. and Roundtable Hearing at 11:00 a.m.

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*I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* | 35th GUAM LEGISLATURE

## AGENDA

Public Hearing and Roundtable Hearing  
Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
Public Hearing Room, Guam Congress Building

- I. Call to order at 10:00 a.m.
- II. Opening Remarks by Vice Speaker Telena Nelson
- III. Item(s) for Discussion:

**10:00 a.m.**

**Public Hearing**

**Bill No. 232-35 (COR)** - Telena Cruz Nelson

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**11:00 a.m.**

**Roundtable Hearing**

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- IV. Adjournment



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Jon Fernandez	GDOE	4888348	✓	✓	✓
John Burch	GEB	727-1444	✓	✓	Support
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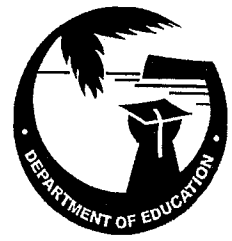
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**Re: Testimony on Bill 232-35**

Hafa Adai, Madam Vice-Speaker:

I am thankful for the invitation to provide testimony in support of Bill 232-35 which would amend Public Law 34-105 to clarify that at least 900 instructional hours are required for students in both elementary and secondary public schools each school year. Bill 232-35 would also require that the superintendent develop a standard operating procedure to make up for the loss of instructional hours in the event of emergencies or natural disasters.


As you recall, the Every Child is Entitled to an Adequate Education Act (Public Law 28-45) requires that the Guam Department of Education provides students with at least 180 instructional days. When Guam was preparing to host the Festival for the Pacific Arts, Public Law 33-31 was passed to make a change requiring at least 180 instructional days "or its equivalent" in order to provide GDOE with the flexibility to adjust the school calendar in order to end the school year earlier than originally planned. Public Law 34-105 sought to clarify this definition by converting the instructional days into instructional hours, requiring that elementary students receive no less than 900 instructional hours per year and that secondary students receive no less than 1,260 instructional hours per year. After further review, GDOE administration and the Guam Federation of Teachers ("GFT") agreed that further clarification was needed and made recommendations, through the Joint Board Union Calendar Committee, to the Guam Education Board to correct the language to reflect a requirement of 900 instructional hours for both elementary and secondary students alike. In response, the GEB passed Board Resolution 2019-10 recommending the changes that are now found in Bill 232-35.

Based on the history of this issue and the collaborative discussion between GDOE, the GFT and the GEB, I am here to testify in support of Bill 232-35 and recommend its earliest passage by



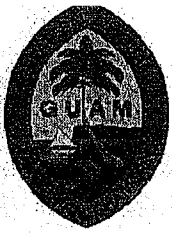
this committee and by the full Legislature. Thank you for your ongoing support and for responding to the Board's request for this amendment.

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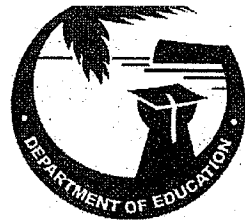
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Cc: Chairwoman and Members, GEB



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Hafa Adai, Madam Vice-Speaker:

### **Re: Testimony on Bills 232-35 and 196-35**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today on behalf of the Guam Education Board ("GEB") regarding Bill 232-35 and Bill 196-35. Bill 232-35 would amend Public Law 34-105 to clarify that at least 900 instructional hours are required for students in both elementary and secondary public schools each school year. Bill 232-35 would also require that the superintendent develop a standard operating procedure to make up for the loss of instructional hours in the event of emergencies or natural disasters.

The GEB supports passage of Bill 232-35 and thanks Vice-Speaker Nelson for introducing the legislation, following the request of the GEB as set forth in Board Resolution 2019-10, passed last August. Board Resolution 2019-10 recommended the clarification of instructional time that is contained in Bill 232-35 and reflects the agreed language proposed by the Joint Board Union Calendar Committee, which is comprised of Guam Department of Education ("GDOE") management and representatives of the Guam Federation of Teachers. This clarification would help ensure that students receive the necessary instructional time to promote academic achievement while also giving the superintendent flexibility to address any interruption of instructional time due to typhoons, utility outages or other unforeseen situations. We urge the Legislature to pass Bill 232-35. A copy of the Board resolution is attached.


Bill 196-35 would amend Public Law 32-95 to grant GDOE the authority to procure solar energy from qualified vendors for all non-leased schools. Currently, the law provides that authority to the General Services Administration. There is an urgent need for GDOE to explore all opportunities



to implement alternative energy and generate savings that can be utilized for educational purposes. GDOE currently spends over \$13 million in power per year. With the authority provided by Bill 196-35, GDOE intends to move forward as soon as possible to promote sustainable energy practices within our school system by implementing solar power and, hopefully, provide additional funding to meet other important GDOE needs. In testimony offered at an earlier public hearing on this subject, GDOE had requested the opportunity to utilize any savings to address deferred maintenance in our school facilities. A copy of that testimony is attached.

Thank you Vice-Speaker for engaging with us and working on solutions for our education community. We ask for your continued support and hope that the bills being heard today will move forward for an affirmative vote by the Legislature soon.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase',

  
**MARIA A. GUTIERREZ**  
Chairwoman, Guam Education Board

Attachments

**GUAM EDUCATION BOARD  
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019-10**



Introduced by:

Guam Education Board Members

**RELATIVE TO REQUESTING THE 35<sup>TH</sup> GUAM LEGISLATURE TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW 34-105 TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENT FOR INSTRUCTIONAL TIME IN GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Subsections 3102.1 (k) and (p) Chapter 3 of Title 17 of the Guam Code Annotated, the Guam Education Board (GEB) is charged with establishing a school calendar and is authorized to make recommendations to the Governor of Guam or to the Guam Legislature for changes, additions or deletions to Guam Education Laws; and

**WHEREAS**, the Joint Board Union Calendar Committee (JBUCC), comprised of school administrators, Guam Federation of Teachers designees and representatives, GDOE Payroll Officer, Program Director of Head Start, deputy superintendents, and a GEB member, who serves in a liaison capacity, was established and tasked to review all issues related to the school calendar and to provide pertinent reports and recommendations to the Superintendent for approval and transmittal for GEB action; and

**WHEREAS**, under Section 715(l)13 et. al of Title 1 of the Guam Code Annotated, Guam Public Schools are required to provide at least 180 instructional days, or its equivalence, each school year; and, as amended on June 5, 2018 under PL 34-105, to use separate equivalent hours (5 hours for elementary and 7 hours for secondary) in computing what constitutes a school day for purposes of facilitating make up days coinciding with the actual amount of instructional time lost; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2019 the JBUCC advised the Superintendent the amendment as written and contained in PL 34-105 in effect, creates discrepancies between elementary and secondary schools and inconsistencies of including or excluding meals (breakfast and lunch) as well as breaks in converting the mandated 180 instructional days and further recommended an amendment to the statute to require, at a minimum, that the equivalent instructional units of conversion be the same for both elementary and secondary schools, and further proposed using instructional minutes in the conversion which coincides with how GDOE schools currently prepare and develop their master schedules; and



**GUAM EDUCATION BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-10**

**WHEREAS**, the JBUCC has determined that having the same, at a minimum, equivalent instructional units of conversion for all public school levels is critical to ensure uniformity and efficiencies may be achieved in managing and supervising the day to day operations of all 41 schools at all levels, ranging from the maximization and assignment of personnel, scheduling of classroom instruction, school activities, and school based services (food services, custodial, facilities maintenance, and others); and

**WHEREAS**, the JBUCC has determined the statute may also be strengthened in requiring the Superintendent to develop a standard operating procedure to determine whether and when the loss of instruction may be waived in the event an emergency or natural disaster resulting in disruptions to instructional time; and


**WHEREAS**, GEB believes it would be prudent to request this amendment be expedited to ensure the adjustment be made prior to the opening of School Year 2019-20; now therefore be it


**RESOLVED**, the Guam Education Board does hereby exercise its authority under Subsection 3102.1 (p) of Title 17 of the Guam Code Annotated to approve and transmit the attached request for review by *I Mina' Trentai Cinco Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* to amend Section 715(l)13 of Title 1 of the Guam Code Annotated; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Guam Education Board urges the Thirty Fifth Guam Legislature to expedite consideration of this request and the timeliness of the opening of School Year 2019-20; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution and the attached draft legislation be transmitted to the Honorable Speaker Tina Muna Barnes, *I Mina' Trentai Cinco Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, the Honorable Telena Nelson, Chairwoman of the Thirty-Fifth Guam Legislative Committee on Education, the Honorable Governor Lou Leon Guerrero, *I Magá hâga Guåhan* and all schools.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED THIS 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2019.**

  
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**MARK MENDIOLA, Chairman**  
Guam Education Board

  
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**JON J.F. FERNANDEZ**  
Executive Secretary



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February 6, 2020

Honorable Telen Cruz Nelson and  
All Senators of the 35<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature  
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**Re: *Guam Federation of Teachers offers its full support in favor of Bill No. 232-35 on behalf of all its affected DOE Membership***

Dear Honorable Senators of the 35<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature,

The Guam Federation of Teachers, by and through its President Sanjay Sharma, and on behalf of all employees it represents in the employment of the Guam Department of Education, hereby register its full support for Bill 232-35 that purports to amend items (A) and (B) of 715(I)(13) Chapter 7 of Title 1 of the Guam Code Annotated relative to converting 180 instructional days into nine hundred (900) instructional hours for elementary and secondary schools and to further allow the Superintendent to develop a standard operating procedure for the make-up of lost instructional time, excluding Christmas and Easter vacation periods.

We further request the favorable support of this bill without modification from all Senators of the 35<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature as it represents a necessary correction to the existing law.

Thank you.

  
Sanjay Sharma

February 6, 2020

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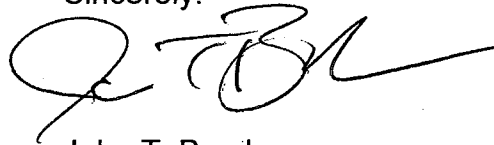
Re: Bill 232-35

Dear Vice-Speaker Nelson:

Thank you for the opportunity to be here today to express my support of Bill 232-35 as written. I feel that this Bill resolves the issue of the scheduling of instructional time for the Department of Education by eliminating the discrepancies caused by Public Law 34-105.

Once again, thank you for allowing me this opportunity to express my support of this Bill and thank you for investing your time in the lives of our students.

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JTB', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John T. Burch  
Member, Guam Education Board





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## Committee Report Digest

### I. OVERVIEW

Bill No. 232-35 (COR) was introduced on November 4, 2019 by Vice Speaker Telena Nelson and was subsequently referred by the Committee on Rules to the Committee on Education, Air Transportation, and Statistics, Research, and Planning on January 8, 2020.

The Committee on Education, Air Transportation, and Statistics, Research, and Planning convened a Public Hearing on Bill No. 232-35 (COR) on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in *I Liheslatura's* Public Hearing Room.

#### **Public Notice Requirements**

In accordance with the Open Government Law, public notices were sent via email to all senators, stakeholders, and main media broadcasting outlets on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 (5-Day Notice) and Monday, February 3, 2020. (48-Hour Notice).

#### **Senators Present**

Vice Speaker Telena Nelson, Committee Chairperson  
Senator Amanda Shelton, Vice-Chairperson of Education  
Senator Clynton E. Ridgell, Committee Member

## II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY AND DISCUSSION

### **Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson**

Hafa Adai. Good Morning. Thank you everyone for being here. The Committee on Education, Air Transportation and Statistics, Research and Planning will now convene this public hearing. Today is Thursday, February 6, 2020 and it is currently 10:08 in the morning. For the record and in accordance with open government law, public notices were sent out via email to all stakeholders, senators and main media broadcasting outlets on January 28, 2020 and the second notice on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. Notice of today's public hearing was also available on the Guam Legislature's website and I'd like to thank Senator Clynt Ridgell for being here today, joining us. Thank you, senator. What we have today is the discussion on Bill No. 232-35 and then after that discussion we will move into the Roundtable Hearing to discuss Bill 196-35. So, at this time I would like to call up those who would like to testify on Bill No. 232-35 and just so the audience knows, Bill No. 232-35 is:

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So Mr. Superintendent, any members of the board, anyone else that would like speak on behalf of Bill 232-35. I'd also like to thank my colleagues; Senator Amanda Shelton, our Legislative Secretary. Thank you for joining us. She is also the Vice-Chair on Education. Superintendent, so I will just let you take it over and perhaps just introduce everyone and then you can guide rest of the panel of who will be speaking first. Thank you Mr. Superintendent.

### **Superintendent Jon Fernandez**

Alright. Good Morning and Hafa Adai. Thank you Vice-Speaker and members of the committee. I'm joined today by our Chairwoman, Ms. Maria Gutierrez to my left; and to my right, Mr. John Burch of the Guam Education Board. To the far left, in the event that there are any questions and clarifications, our Deputy Superintendent Kelly Sukola, as well as Deputy Superintendent Joe Sanchez. I'm going to go ahead and yield to our board chairwoman to begin the testimony. Thank you. I believe we provided copies both of hers and my testimony as well.

### **Maria Gutierrez, Chairwoman of Guam Education Board**

Hafa Adai Madam Vice Speaker, Senator Amanda Shelton and Senator Clynt Ridgell. My name is Maria Gutierrez. I am the Guam Education Board Chairwoman. Our testimony this morning will be testimony on bills 232-35 and 196-35. Thank you and Si Yu'os Ma'ase for the opportunity to testify before you today. *Maria Gutierrez read from written testimony which has been appended to this committee report.*

### **Superintendent Jon Fernandez**

Joining as well from the Board is member John Burch.

**Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson**

Thank you, Mrs. Gutierrez. Mr. Burch? Good Morning.

**John Burch, Member of Guam Education Board**

Good Morning Speaker Nelson, Secretary Shelton and Senator Ridgell. My name is John Burch. I'm a member of the Guam Education Board and I'm here today to express my support of Bill 232-35 as written. I feel that this bill resolves the issues that we identified in the scheduling of instructional time for the Department of Education by eliminating these discrepancies caused by Public Law 34-105. Once again, thank you for allowing me this opportunity.

**Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson**

Thank you, Mr. Burch. Mr. Superintendent?

**Superintendent Jon Fernandez**

Okay. Madam Chair. So I'm going to go ahead and focus in on my thing but I think it's important just understanding the history of this particular issue. But again, I'm here to testify in support of the bill. As chairwoman noted, it did come as a request from board to you, to see if you could pass this clarifying amendment in order for us to all be on the same page with regard to the instructional hour requirement in our school system. As you recall the Public Law 28-45, otherwise known as the Every Child is Entitled to an Adequate Education Act, requires that GDOE provides students with at least 180 instructional days. So that was the original language in the law that was passed. When Guam was preparing to host the Festival for the Pacific Arts in 2016, Public Law 33-31 was then passed to make a change requiring at least 180 instructional days or its equivalent in order to provide DOE with the flexibility to adjust the school calendar in order to end the school year earlier than originally planned in order for us to accommodate that particular festival here on Guam. With that, we've been operating with the general language, 180 days or its equivalent. Public Law 34-105 was the first effort to clarify what that definition meant, what was the equivalent... what did that equivalent mean by converting the instructional days into instructional hours, requiring that elementary students received no less than 900 instructional hours per year and that secondary students receive no less than 1,260 instructional hours per year. However, upon further discussion and feedback, it became clear to us that in the calculations for secondary; which was really meant to reflect current practice, that the lunch hour might have been included in that calculation. So after further review, DOE administration and the Guam Federation of Teachers agreed that a further amendment was needed and worked together through the joint Board-Union Calendar Committee to come up with the recommendations for the Board to correct the language and reflect a requirement of 900 instructional hours for both and elementary and secondary students alike. In response, the Guam Education Board then passed Board Resolution 2019-10 recommending those changes which are now found the Bill before you. So based on this history and the collaborative discussion between DOE, Guam Federation of Teachers and the Board, we are here to just testify in support of the bill and recommend its earliest passage by the committee and the full legislature. Thank you for your support of our efforts and our request.



**Vice Speaker Telen Cruz Nelson**

Thank you Mr. Superintendent. Do you have any questions? Senator Ridgell do you have any questions? No? Okay. So just a little... to add onto the history of it. We did have another hearing prior to this to discuss some of the changes. There was a roundtable, I believe, to discuss some of the changes and resolution that was initially submitted. So now the bill is reflecting 900 instructional hours to ensure that the students get trained to standard, right?

**Superintendent Jon Fernandez**

Right.

**Vice Speaker Telen Cruz Nelson**

...and to time. So now we are solidifying that. Can you just speak a little bit about the benefits, other than the FESTPAC impacts... other benefits that our students will receive from the transition from 180 calendar days to 900 instructional hours?

**Superintendent Jon Fernandez**

Well there's... I think there's two benefits. One was that... I think further clarity has been provided in really looking at the number of hours provided because, as you know, when you say a day, that does not necessarily tell you when school starts... when it stops. So I think there was some... a part of our, you know, as part of our discussion there was an agreement that we should be a little clearer so people know what we mean when we say 180 days or its equivalent. So coming into a calculation of hours... instructional hours that's... it makes it clear what mean instead of an ambiguous term and number two, when it comes to making up, we can actually now break the day into, you know... so if a school misses an hour, we know how to make up an hour and we can calculate and make policy and determinations that way. The second issue is that when it was ... when the 180 days was amended to provide the... to provide that flexibility, it's given us an opportunity to work with the Guam Federation of Teachers and with the Board to adjust our calendar so that we're able to build in more professional development days into the school calendar. So where we were... I think right is it, Joe, nine? So now we're able to provide nine opportunities for professional development throughout the school year. We're able to use those professional development days in the event that we need to make up... as make up days. So part of that meant that we had to adjust some of the school day... the hours... in terms of the school day but we were able build a calendar, working with the GFT, that enabled to provide us more opportunities for teachers to get together and really work on improving their collaboration and focusing on strategies for improvement. So both... not only do they clarify how we should be looking at instructional time, but also allowed us to be more creative and innovative with our calendar to support our teachers. So, as you know, that flexibility gets revisited every time the calendar committee gets back to propose the next year's calendar. So we're in the middle of that discussion right now to propose the calendar for the next two school years. So it's important that we're on the same page with our union and then it's also important that we're able to have the flexibility to meet those professional development goals as well as make up days in light of any emergencies or natural disasters.

**Senator Amanda Shelton**

Thank you very much Madam Chair and thank you for being here everyone from DOE and the Board. Mr. Superintendent, can you just walk us through how it works right now for the arrangement for the make-up days, how you decide on make-up days because I understand that it is from the recommendations of the Board for you to create these procedures but what is happening now?

**Superintendent Jon Fernandez**

So right now what happens in the process of building the calendar is that the representatives of the Guam Federation of Teachers and representatives of GDOE management, will get together and work on a calendar. What... that calendar has to be put together within the parameters set forth by the 180-day requirement, now the instructional hour requirement, as well as the restriction on when we can implement make-up days. So along with the 180-day equivalent change there was also a change in that same bill to restrict us from making up days during the Christmas or Easter breaks. So while that... while those... while that restricted us in terms of the using... the use of make-up days during those periods of time, we do have flexibility elsewhere in the calendar do build in the potential need for make-up days. So instead of having set aside make-up days, what we've done is identify professional development days that go pretty much once a month throughout the school year and in the event that a school needs to make-up the flexibility is there to just use that professional development day for that make-up. So that's the practice. Now in the event that all those nine days are taken up for... due to some catastrophic typhoon or something, if all nine make-up days are exhausted then the legislation being proposed here will give the superintendent an opportunity to look at other creative ways to meet the instructional time requirements. So I think that has been exercised in other states in two ways. So for instance, we know that in some states where they're snowed in, we know that... we've heard of some efforts by schools to send homework and backpack home with the students to do homework while they are at home and use that as a way to count as an instructional time; as well as, we know in other jurisdictions there is the authority to waive some of these instructional hours in the event of a catastrophic event. So for instance, if you look at CNMI where you're out for two, three months because of some disaster, you know, there's... it's just impossible to build back that instructional time within the school calendar. So the superintendent's authority is to develop an SOP with our partners and our stakeholders to deal with the situations that will take place if we've exhausted the nine make-up days we've built into our calendar.

**Senator Amanda Shelton**

Thank you.

**Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson**

Can you just explain, Mr. Superintendent, the impact of the lunch hour or the recess minutes? How will this fall into the instructional hours' requirement?

**Superintendent Jon Fernandez**

So those are not counted as... those are not counted as instructional hours. So I think what happened in the prior round when we were calculating the hours and the length of the school day, in that the issue of where the lunch hour fell into place, it got rolled into the calculation for secondary schools. When we looked at that, you know, we understood that it needed to be further clarified. So the twelve hundred sixty instructional hours actually... accidentally counted in the lunch hours. So we had to discuss that and it was a, you know, a calculation error that we just need to correct now upon further review.

**Vice Speaker Telen Cruz Nelson**

Thank you very much. Is there anyone else that would like to speak? Okay. This concludes...

**Maria Gutierrez**

Madam Vice Speaker can I just say something?

**Vice Speaker Telen Cruz Nelson**

Yes.

**Maria Gutierrez**

In response to Senator Shelton, a good example of how the make-up is during the Dengue Fever situation, Ordot-Chalan Pago and Agueda Johnston, you know, couldn't go to school so the last professional development, they had classes. So that is just one of the examples. Thank you.

**Vice Speaker Telen Cruz Nelson**

Thank you, Madam Chair. So, this concludes our agenda for Bill 232 and so we are just going to take a short recess so that we can prepare the Roundtable Hearing for Bill 196-35.

*The Public Hearing on Bill 232-35 (COR) was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.*

**III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The bill title was amended to define the equivalent of one hundred eighty (180) instructional days as nine hundred (900) instructional hours.

The bill title was amended from "GUAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS" TO "GUAM PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS".

Section 1 was amended to reflect that the requirement shall be for public schools to provide a minimum of the equivalent of one hundred eighty (180) instructional days.

Section 2 was amended from "including make-up days" to "including make-up hours" to be consistent with the nine hundred (900) instructional hour requirement.



The Committee on Education, Air Transportation, and Statistics, Research, and Planning hereby reports out Bill No. 232-35 (COR) *As amended by the Committee*, “AN ACT TO AMEND § 715(1)(13) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO DEFINING THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS EQUIVALENT AS 900 INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS FOR GUAM PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS; AND REQUIRING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR MAKING UP THE LOSS OF INSTRUCTIONAL TIME FOR GUAM’S PUBLIC SCHOOLS.” with the recommendation to do pass.

*I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
2019 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 252 - 35 (COR)

Introduced by:

Telena Cruz Nelson 

**AN ACT TO *AMEND* ITEMS (A) AND (B) OF § 715(I)(13) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO DEFINING THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS EQUIVALENT FOR GUAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND REQUIRING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR THE ARRANGEMENT OF LOSS INSTRUCTIONAL TIME.**

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*I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
2019 (FIRST) Regular Session

**Bill No. 232-35(COR)**

As Amended by the Committee on Education, Air Transportation,  
and Statistics, Research, and Planning

Introduced by:

Telena Cruz Nelson

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***I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2019 (FIRST) Regular Session**

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Introduced by: Telena Cruz Nelson

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# MEMO

To: Rennae Meno  
Clerk of the Legislature

From: Senator Régine Biscoe Lee  
Chair, Committee on Rules

Re: Fiscal Note Waivers

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*Buenas yan Håfa adai.*

Attached, please find the fiscal note waivers for the following bills:

Bill No. 232-35 (COR)

Bill No. 245-35 (LS)

Please forward the same to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.

For any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mary Maravilla, Committee on Rules Director at 472-2461.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.





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Senator Regine Biscoe Lee  
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Hafa Adai Senator Lee:

The Bureau requests that Bill No. 232-35 (COR) be granted a waiver pursuant to Public Law 12-229 as amended for the following reason(s):

Bill 232-35 (COR) is an act to amend Items (A) and (B) of §715(l)(13) of Chapter 7, Title 1, Guam Code Annotated relative to defining the one hundred eighty (180) instructional days equivalent for Guam public schools and requiring the Superintendent of Education to develop a standard operating procedure for the arrangement of loss instructional time. Per P.L. 34-105, the one hundred eighty (180) instructional days was converted to nine hundred (900) instructional hours for elementary schools and one thousand two hundred sixty (1,260) instructional hours for secondary schools.

Per the Guam Department of Education Board's Resolution Number 2019-10, implementing the same equivalent instructional units of conversion for all public school levels is critical to ensure uniformity and efficiencies may be achieved in managing and supervising the day to day operations of all forty-one (41) schools at all levels, ranging from the maximization and assignment of personnel, scheduling of classroom instruction, school activities, and school based services.

As such, the Bill is administrative in nature and poses no fiscal impact upon any funds of the Government of Guam.

Senseramente,

LESTER L. CARLSON, JR.





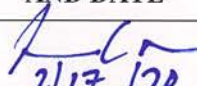
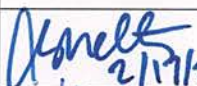
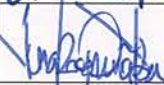
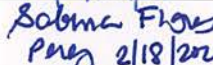



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## COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

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