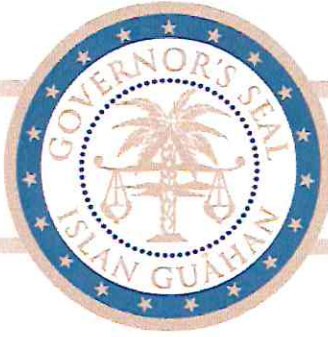


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BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES	NOTES
<b>232-35 (COR)</b> As amended by the Committee on Education, Air Transportation, and Statistics, Research, and Planning; and further amended on the Floor	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 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 MAKING UP OF THE ARRANGEMENT OF LOSS AND MAKE-UP OF INSTRUCTIONAL TIME FOR GUAM'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS.	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	
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March 20, 2020

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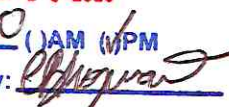
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Received By: 

**Re: Bill No. 232-35 (COR) – 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 Nine Hundred (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**

Dear Madame Speaker:

It is unfortunately timely that I now sign Bill No. 232-35 into law as **Public Law No. 35-77**. As our schools are closed down due to the concerns surrounding COVID-19, our students still need access to education. And while our educators are employing creative methods to do so, the rigidity of the law's previous mandate of one hundred and eighty (180) days of instructional time would have further disrupted the lives of our students. I agree with the intent to convert that mandate to the more flexible nine hundred (900) hours.

*Senseremente,*



**LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO**

*Maga'hågan Guåhan*

Governor of Guam

Enclosure(s): Bill No. 232-35 (COR) *nka Public Law 35-77*

cc via email: *Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*  
Compiler of Laws

*I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
2020 (SECOND) Regular Session

**CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN***


This is to certify that **Bill No. 232-35 (COR)**, “AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 715(I)(13) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO DEFINING THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS EQUIVALENT AS NINE HUNDRED (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,” was on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020, duly and regularly passed.

  
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**Tina Rose Muña Barnes**  
Speaker


Attested:

  
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**Amanda E. Shelton**  
Legislative Secretary

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This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March,  
2020, at 3:07 o'clock P.M.

  
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Assistant Staff Officer  
*Maga'håga's Office*

APPROVED:

  
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Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero  
*I Maga'hågan Guåhan*

Date:

3/20/2020

Public Law No.

35-17

*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; and further amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 715(l)(13) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO DEFINING THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS EQUIVALENT AS NINE HUNDRED (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.**

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

2           **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds  
3 that Public Law 28-45, the “Every Child is Entitled to an Adequate Public Education

1 Act” (Act), mandated at least one hundred eighty (180) instructional days each  
2 school year; and, Public Law 34-105 amended the Act by converting the one hundred  
3 eighty (180) instructional days into nine hundred (900) instructional hours for  
4 elementary schools and one thousand two hundred sixty (1,260) instructional hours  
5 for secondary schools.

6 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that on October 24, 2019, the Guam  
7 Education Board (GEB) transmitted to *I Liheslatura* an amended Guam Education  
8 Board Resolution 2019-10, relative to requesting the 35<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature to  
9 amend the requirement that public schools provide a minimum of the equivalent of  
10 one hundred eighty (180) instructional days.

11 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds, through GEB Resolution 2019-10, that  
12 the Joint Board Union Calendar Committee (JBUCC), comprised of school  
13 administrators, designees and representatives of the Guam Federation of Teachers,  
14 the Guam Department of Education Payroll Officer, the Program Director of Head  
15 Start, deputy superintendents, and a GEB member who serves as a liaison, advised  
16 the Superintendent of Education (Superintendent) that the amendment written in  
17 Public Law 34-105 created discrepancies between elementary and secondary  
18 schools’ instructional hours by including and excluding meal times and breaks.

19 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the JBUCC suggested that the one  
20 hundred eighty (180) instructional days or its equivalence be converted to nine  
21 hundred (900) instructional hours, at a minimum, per school year for both  
22 elementary and secondary schools; and that the Superintendent be required to  
23 develop a standard operating procedure for the make-up of a loss in instructional  
24 hours.

25 Thus, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to mandate nine hundred (900)  
26 instructional hours per school year for Guam’s elementary and secondary public  
27 schools; and further intends to mandate that the Superintendent develop a standard

1 operating procedure for making up the loss of instructional time for Guam’s public  
2 schools.

3 **Section 2.** § 715(l)(13) of Chapter 7, Title 1, Guam Code Annotated, is  
4 hereby *amended* to read:

5 “(13) at least one hundred eighty (180) instructional days, or its  
6 equivalence, including make-up hours each school year with school years  
7 ending no later than thirty (30) days following the end of the calendared  
8 school year.

9 (A) The one hundred eighty (180) instructional days are to be  
10 converted into nine hundred (900) instructional hours per school year  
11 for both elementary and secondary schools.

12 (B) The Superintendent of Education shall develop a standard  
13 operating procedure for making up a loss in instructional hours caused  
14 by the occurrence of an emergency or a natural disaster. Scheduled  
15 Easter and Christmas breaks shall not be included in make-up days or  
16 hours; and”

17 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any  
18 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall  
19 not affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without  
20 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are  
21 severable.

22 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.