

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

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES	NOTES
339-35 (COR) As amended on the Floor.	Telena Cruz Nelson Amanda L. Shelton Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD Régine Biscoe Lee Joe S. San Agustin Tina Rose Muña Barnes	AN ACT TO AMEND § 715(i)(13) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING AN EXEMPTION DURING SCHOOL YEAR 2019-2020 FROM THE NINE HUNDRED (900) INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS REQUIREMENT FOR GUAM'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS MANDATED BY PUBLIC LAW 35-77.	4/8/20 10:13 a.m.			4/9/20 Waiver of Public Hearing Requirement			
	SESSION DATE	TITLE	DATE PASSED	TRANSMITTED	DUE DATE	PUBLIC LAW NO.	DATE SIGNED	NOTES	
	4/9/20	AN ACT TO AMEND § 715(i)(13) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXEMPTING GUAM'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS, OR ITS EQUIVALENCE OF NINE HUNDRED (900) INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 35-77, FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2019-2020.	4/16/20	4/16/20	4/28/20	35-84	4/28/20	Received: 4/28/20 Mess and Comm. Doc. No. 35GL-20-1736.	

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**Via Email: [speaker@guamlegislature.org](mailto:speaker@guamlegislature.org)**

April 28, 2020

**HONORABLE TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**

*Speaker*


*I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT RECEIPT  
Received by:   
Date: 4-28-2020  
@ 5:45p.

**Re: Substitute Bill No. 332-35 (COR) – An Act to Add a New § 4124(B)(1) to Chapter 4 of Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Creating an Exemption from the Service-Learning Graduation Requirement for all High School Students Enrolled During School Year 2019-2020**

*and*

**Substitute Bill No. 339-35 (COR) - An Act to Amend § 715(1)(13) of Chapter 7, Title 1, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Exempting Guam's Public Schools from the Requirement of One Hundred Eighty (180) Instructional Days, or its Equivalence of Nine Hundred (900) Instructional Hours Pursuant to Public Law 35-77, for School Year 2019-2020**

Dear Madame Speaker:

Under normal circumstances, sometime in the next few weeks, our students would begin the task of preparing for end-of-the year exams. They would be enjoying the company of their classmates, the instruction offered by their teachers, the challenges of interscholastic athletic and academic competition, and our seniors would be eagerly anticipating the pomp and circumstance of graduation.

Unfortunately, these are not normal circumstances. Instead, our students are adjusting to learning via online platforms, assignments via packets, and meals provided in grab-and-go lines. Substitute Bill Nos. 332-35 (COR) and 339-35 (COR) are signed into law as **Public Law Nos. 35-83 and 35-**

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To: Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes  
Fr: Governor of Guam  
Date: April 28, 2020  
Re: Substitute Bill Nos. 332-35 (COR) and 339-35 (COR)

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84 respectively, and reflect our changed circumstances and provide exemptions to allow our public-school seniors to graduate without compiling all the service hours normally necessary and to exempt our public schools from providing the full complement of 180 instructional days. These exemptions recognize the difficulty of achieving such milestones while practicing the social distancing that is critical to our island's battle against the COVID-19 pandemic.

*Senseremente,*



**LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO**

*Maga'hågan Guåhan*

Governor of Guam

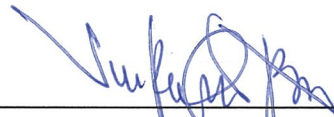
Enclosure(s): Substitute Bill Nos. 332-35 (COR) and 339-35 (COR) *nka Public Law Nos. 35-83 and 35-84*

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 **Substitute Bill No. 339-35 (COR)**, "AN ACT TO AMEND § 715(I)(13) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXEMPTING GUAM'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS, OR ITS EQUIVALENCE OF NINE HUNDRED (900) INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 35-77, FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2019-2020," was on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020, duly and regularly passed.



**Tina Rose Muña Barnes**  
Speaker

Attested:



**Amanda L. Shelton**  
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April,  
2020, at 6:15 o'clock P.M.



**C.J. UZANA, GOVERNMENT HOUSE**  
Assistant Staff Officer  
*Maga'håga's Office*

APPROVED:



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

Date: 4/28/2020

Public Law No. 35-84

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

**Bill No. 339-35 (COR)**

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

Telena Cruz Nelson  
Amanda L. Shelton  
Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD  
Régine Biscoe Lee  
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Jose "Pedo" Terlaje  
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Mary Camacho Torres

**AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 715(l)(13) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXEMPTING GUAM'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS, OR ITS EQUIVALENCE OF NINE HUNDRED (900) INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 35-77, FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2019-2020.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslatura* finds that Public  
3 Law 35-77 amended § 715(l)(13) of Chapter 7, Title 1, Guam Code Annotated, to  
4 require the one hundred eighty (180) instructional days, or its equivalence of nine

1 hundred (900) instructional hours per school year, for both elementary and  
2 secondary schools.

3 *I Liheslatura* recognizes that because of the closure of Guam’s public schools  
4 due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Guam Department of Education may be unable  
5 to provide the one hundred eighty (180) instructional days, or its equivalence of nine  
6 hundred (900) instructional hours, as required by Public Law 35-77.

7 Thus, it is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to create an exemption from the one  
8 hundred eighty (180) instructional days, or its equivalence of nine hundred (900)  
9 instructional hours, requirement for School Year 2019-2020.

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

12 “(13) at least one hundred eighty (180) instructional days, or its  
13 equivalence, including make-up hours each school year with school years  
14 ending no later than thirty (30) days following the end of the calendared  
15 school year; provided, that the Guam Department of Education is exempt from  
16 the requirements of this § 715(l)(13) for School Year 2019-2020.”

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.



Office of the Speaker  
**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
*I Mina Trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guahan*



April 9, 2020

To: All Senators

From: Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

RE: Waiver of Public Hearing Requirement – Bill no. 339-35

Dear Colleagues:

*Buenas yan Hafa Adai!* Pursuant to Section 1.02(b)(1)(ii) of our Standing Rules I hereby certify that emergency conditions exist involving danger to the public health or safety.

Furthermore, the public hearing requirement for Bill no. 339-35 (LS) is waived in accordance with 2 GCA § 2103(a).

*Sinseru Yan Magahit,*

Tina Rose Muña Barnes  
Speaker, 35<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature



Office of the Speaker  
**TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES**  
 I Mina' Trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guahan



**REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING WAIVER**

**Bill No:** 339-35 (COR)

**Authored By:** Telena C. Nelson

**Bill Title** AN ACT TO AMEND § 715(l)(13) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING AN EXEMPTION DURING SCHOOL YEAR 2019-2020 FROM THE NINE HUNDRED (900) INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS REQUIREMENT FOR GUAM'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS MANDATED BY PUBLIC LAW 35-77.

**Does this Bill directly benefit the response efforts of the Government of Guam in its effort to protect the Health and Safety of the People of Guam from COVID-19?**

Yes  \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Does this Bill directly benefit residents of Guam during this economic crisis due to COVID-19?**

Yes  \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Does the enactment of this measure have a cost associated with it?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  \_\_\_\_\_

**If so, please provide the following:**

**Anticipated Cost:** N/A

**Funding Source:** N/A

**Based on PL 35-36 will current government revenues/operations be impacted by the reduction of the anticipated funding source?**

N/A  
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**Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes**

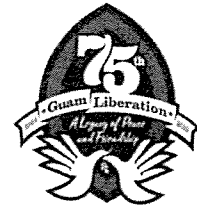
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**TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES**  
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**If so, please identify the estimated dollar amount reduction in revenues and a corresponding aggregate amount in appropriation reductions in PL35-36. Such reductions shall be specifically identified by fund source, by department/agency, and/or by program or miscellaneous appropriation. Is there consent or support from its respective Directors on this measure?**

N/A

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**Should we need to assemble in the Committee of the Whole, have the respective directors and stakeholders been contacted? (Please list each individual party separately):**

Name/Title	Agency	Yes/No
N/A		

**OFB/BBMR:**

1) Does the Office of Finance and Budget **OR** the Bureau of Budget Management and Research concur that the statements made regarding the fiscal impact of this proposed measure are accurate? \*Please see attached

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

2) Are funds available in the specified funding source to support this measure?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ \*Please see attached No \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: N/A

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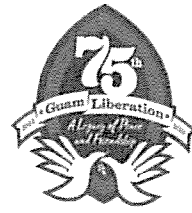
Name & Signature of Certifying individual from BBMR or OFB:

Name	Agency & Title	Signature & Date
*Please see attached		

*Should this section be unattainable, please submit documentation that demonstrates an effort was made.*



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The above information is true and correct. This bill addresses an immediate emergency and I am requesting that the public hearing be waived.

Name of Main Author/Senator Making a request to waive Public Hearing Telena C. Nelson

Signature 

Date 04/08/2020

*Note: Public concerns/comments that have been received with regards to this measure, or any other pertinent document/information can be attached to this document.*

*Attachments:*

A. Correspondence to the Office of Finance and Budget

B. N/A

C. N/A



Telena Cruz Nelson <senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org>

### Fiscal Impact of Bill 339-35

1 message

Office of Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson <senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org>  
To: ofb@guamlegislature.org

Wed, Apr 8, 2020 at 11:08 AM

*Hafa Adai* Office of Finance and Budget,

We are respectfully requesting confirmation from the Office of Finance of Budget that there are no government costs, or provisions which would reduce government revenue, associated with with Bill 339-35:

**Bill No. 339-35 (COR)** - Telena Cruz Nelson / Amanda L. Shelton / Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD / Régine Biscoe Lee / Joe S. San Agustin / Tina Rose Muña Barnes

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We appreciate your consideration. *Si Yu'os Ma'ase'!*



**The Office of Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson**  
*Committee on Education, Air Transportation,*  
*and Statistics, Research, and Planning*

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