

I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
BILL STATUS

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	FISCAL NOTES	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
196-37 (LS)	Committee on Maritime Transportation, Air Transportation, Parks, Tourism, Higher Education and the Advancement of Women, <u>Youth, and Senior Citizens</u> by request of I Kongressun Manhoben Guåhan, the Guam Youth Congress, in accordance with 2 GCA §7102.	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 3223 ARTICLE 2 OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO IMPLEMENTING MANDATORY FIRST AID AND CPR CERTIFICATION FOR GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS.	10/31/23 11:34 a.m.	11/3/23	Committee on Education, Public Safety and the Arts	Request: 11/3/23 11/13/23			



COMMITTEE ON RULES

Senator Chris Barnett, Chairperson
I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
37th Guam Legislature

November 13, 2023

To: **Joaquin P. Taitague**
Substitute Clerk of the Legislature

From: **Senator Chris Barnett** 
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Subject: **Fiscal Note for Bill No. 196-37 (LS)**

Håfa Adai yan Biba Guåhan!

Find the attached, Fiscal Note for the following bill:

Bill No. 196-37 (LS).

I also request that the same be sent to the respective Chairperson of the Standing Committee, to which this bill has been referred. Kindly forward the same to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.



**Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Fiscal Note of Bill No. 196-37 (LS)**

AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 3223 ARTICLE 2 OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO IMPLEMENTING MANDATORY FIRST AID AND CPR CERTIFICATION FOR GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS.

Department/Agency Appropriation Information	
Dept./Agency Affected: Guam Department of Education (GDOE)	Dept./Agency Head: Dr. Kenneth E. Swanson, Superintendent
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:	232,295,530
Department's Other Fund (Specify) appropriation(s) to date: Guam Educational Facilities Fund (\$11,418,918); Public School Library Resources Fund (\$951,592); Healthy Futures Fund (\$891,754); School Lunch/Child Nutritional Meal Reimbursement Fund (\$12,504,000); Limited Gaming Fund (\$346,154)	26,112,418
	258,407,948

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation			
	General Fund:	(Specify Special Fund):	Total:
FY 2023 Unreserved Fund Balance		\$0	\$0
FY 2024 Adopted Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2024 Appro. (P.L. 37-42 thru _____)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-total:	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less appropriation in Bill	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total:	\$0	\$0	\$0

Estimated Fiscal Impact of Bill						
	One Full Fiscal Year	For Remainder of FY 2024 (if applicable)	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
General Fund	\$0	1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Fund	\$0	1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

- Does the bill contain "revenue generating" provisions? / / Yes / X / No
If Yes, see attachment 1/
- Is amount appropriated adequate to fund the intent of the appropriation? / X / N/A / / Yes / / No
If no, what is the additional amount required? \$ _____ / X / N/A
- Does the Bill establish a new program/agency? / / Yes / X / No
If yes, will the program duplicate existing programs/agencies? / / N/A / / Yes / X / No
Is there a federal mandate to establish the program/agency? / / Yes / X / No
- Will the enactment of this Bill require new physical facilities? / / Yes / X / No
- Was Fiscal Note coordinated with the affected dept/agency? If no, indicate reason: / X / Yes / / No
/ / Requested agency comments not received by due date / / Other:

Analyst: William P. Talingpong Date: 11/9/23 Director: Lester L. Carlson, Jr., Director Date: **NOV 09 2023**

Footnotes:
1/ See attached comments on Bill 196-37 (LS).

BUREAU OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH
COMMENTS ON BILL NO. 196-37 (LS)

The proposed Bill 196-37 (LS) is an act to a *add* new § 3223 Article 2 of Chapter 3, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, relative to implementing mandatory first aid and CPR Certification for Guam Department of Education (GDOE) employees and volunteers.

According to the legislative intent of Bill 196-37, the basics of first aid, CPR, and emergency medical readiness are not widely required for the administrators, educators, and staff of GDOE. These services are openly available and made convenient on the island. According to the American Red Cross of Guam, in 2022, 234 courses in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), automated external defibrillator (AED), and water safety were offered, certifying 1,664 individuals. It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to implement a pilot program in which these personnel, including administrators, educators, and staff members, will continue to develop and exercise their skills regarding providing adequate first aid and CPR services.

The new § 3223 proposed under Bill 196-37 will require that 1) All new school staff members complete a first aid and CPR training program approved by the GDOE within 6 months of their date of employment or volunteer service; 2) All current school staff members complete a first aid and CPR training program approved by the GDOE within 1 year following the enactment of this Act; and 3) All school staff members and volunteers renew their certification every 2 years after their most recent certification to ensure that all school staff members maintain their current certification. The Act indicates that it shall become effective on July 4, 2024.

According to comments received, the GDOE sees the value of the proposed legislation but points out the necessity to adequately fund the process. The GDOE states that the Department will need additional AEDs, that before they were mandated the GDOE could purchase with federal dollars, but now since they are mandated must use local funds. The GDOE indicates that the initial cost for conducting the training at each school will approach \$500,000 in the first year. The GDOE's nursing staff has capacity to provide the training, but will need to contract added instructors to service the over 2,500 school base employees. The GDOE also notes that the Department has been working on this kind of project on a pilot level so have developed some reliable cost data to scale up.

As Bill 196-37 does not provide for a specific appropriation to fund such purpose, the GDOE would then have to absorb these costs from its annual fiscal year appropriation.