

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

2024 (SECOND) Regular Session

VOTING RECORD

NAME	Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco Legislative Session Hall Guam Congress Building May 31, 2024					
	Aye	Nay	Not Voting/ Abstained	Out During Roll Call	Absent	Excused
Senator Chris Barnett	✓					
Senator Frank Blas, Jr.	✓					
Senator Joanne Brown	✓					
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas	✓					
Senator Thomas J. Fisher	✓					
Senator Jesse A. Lujan	✓					
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes	✓					
Senator William A. Parkinson	✓					
Senator Sabina Flores Perez	✓					
Senator Roy A. B. Quinata	✓					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin	✓					
Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas	✓					
Senator Amanda L. Shelton	✓					
Senator Telo T. Taitague	✓					
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje	✓					

TOTAL

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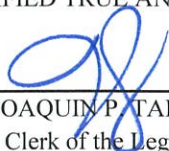
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Excused

Aye

Nay

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:



JOAQUIN P. TAITAGUE
Clerk of the Legislature

1 = Pass

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2023 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 109-37 (LS)

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Introduced by:

Committee on Maritime
Transportation, Air
Transportation, Parks, Tourism,
Higher Education and the
Advancement of Women,
Youth, and Senior Citizens
by request of *I Kongressun*
Manhoben Guåhan, the Guam
Youth Congress, in accordance
with 2 GCA §7102.

AN ACT TO *ADD* NEW SUBSECTIONS (3) AND (4) TO § 4124(b) OF CHAPTER 4, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROVIDING PARITY BY CREATING AN EXEMPTION FROM COMPLETING THE FULL SEVENTY-FIVE (75) HOURS OF SERVICE LEARNING REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024, AND INSTEAD REQUIRE THE COMPLETION OF THIRTY-FIVE (35) HOURS OF SERVICE LEARNING; AND TO REQUIRE THE COMPLETION OF FIFTY-FIVE (55) HOURS OF SERVICE LEARNING FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025.

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that Public Law 30-53, codified at § 4124(b) of Chapter 4, Title 17, Guam Code

1 Annotated, requires Guam Department of Education (GDOE) high school students
2 to complete seventy-five (75) hours of service learning in order to graduate from
3 high school beginning with the ninth (9th) grade class during School Year 2011-
4 2012.

5 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* also finds that on April 29, 2022, *I Mina'trentai Sais*
6 *Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* duly and regularly passed Bill 287-36 and was signed into
7 law on May 13, 2022, by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* as Public Law 36-96, which
8 exempted graduating high school students for School Years 2021-2022 and 2022-
9 2023 from the full seventy-five (75) hours of service learning requirement as set
10 forth in 17 GCA, Chapter 4, § 4124(b), due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

11 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* recognizes that the ill effects of the COVID-19
12 pandemic and the ensuing public health emergency, which had begun on March 14,
13 2020 at the onset of the pandemic, and ended on January 6, 2023, has affected the
14 education of the island's students, many of whom had been unable to physically
15 participate in service activities during School Years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022, to
16 include the graduating high school students of School Years 2023- 2024 and 2024-
17 2025, who were excluded from the effects of Public Law 36-96, as governmental
18 entities, non-profit organizations, and community partners refrained from offering
19 many service learning opportunities as the island slowly lifted its pandemic
20 restrictions.

21 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the opening of full and only face-to-
22 face learning in School Year 2022-2023 and the conclusion of the public health
23 emergency by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* on January 6, 2023, serves as a proper point
24 in the return to normalcy for the education of our island's students and as an
25 appropriate time for students to fully comply with the provisions set forth in 17 GCA,
26 Chapter 4, § 4124(b).

1 Thus, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to provide parity by creating
2 an exemption for all graduating high school students for School Year 2023-2024,
3 who had been in the ninth (9th) grade and tenth (10th) grade class in School Years
4 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 respectively, from completing the full seventy-five (75)
5 hours of service learning, as required in 17 GCA, Chapter 4, § 4124(b), and instead
6 require them to complete thirty-five (35) hours of service learning.

7 Further, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to provide parity by creating
8 an exemption for all graduating high school students for School Year 2024-2025,
9 who had been in the ninth (9th) grade class in School Year 2021-2022, from
10 completing the full seventy-five (75) hours of service learning, as required in 17
11 GCA, Chapter 4, § 4124(b), and instead require them to complete fifty-five (55)
12 hours of service learning.

13 **Section 2.** New Subsections (3) and (4) are hereby *added* to § 4124(b) of
14 Chapter 4, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, to read as follows:

15 “(3) Graduating high school students for School Year 2023-2024 shall be
16 exempt from the provisions of § 4124(b), and instead shall be required to complete
17 thirty-five (35) hours of service learning as a requirement for high school graduation.

18 (4) Graduating high school students for School Year 2024-2025 shall be
19 exempt from the provisions of § 4124(b), and instead shall be required to complete
20 fifty-five (55) hours of service learning as a requirement for high school graduation.”

21 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.

22 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
23 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall not
24 affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without
25 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
26 severable.