






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AN ACT TO AMEND §151311, ADD A NEW §151311.1 AND DELETE §15307(C), ALL OF CHAPTER 15, ARTICLE 13 OF TITLE 17 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE AWARDING OF THE DR. ANTONIO C. YAMASHITA TEACHER CORPS SCHOLARSHIP TO *CHAMORRO* LANGUAGE AND CULTURE STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM.

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.**

3 Chapter 8 of Title 17 Guam Code Annotated mandates the teaching of
4 *Chamorro* Language and Culture in all public elementary and secondary
5 schools within Guam. Presently, the Department of Education employs 187
6 *Chamorro* Language and Culture instructors of which thirty percent (30%)
7 will soon be up for retirement. Current data from the University of Guam
8 tells us that we do not have enough students in *Chamorro* language
9 programs to replace these teachers.

10 In order to address this predicted shortage, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*
11 recognizes that proactive measures must be taken to continue to preserve,
12 perpetuate, and promote the *Chamorro* culture and language. In addition, *I*

1 *Liheslatura* further recognizes that the cost of tuition, books, and fees for
2 some current *Chamorro* language instructors to complete the teaching
3 certification program in *Chamorro* language and culture at the University of
4 Guam may be cost prohibitive.

5 Therefore it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to provide financial
6 assistance for individuals seeking to pursue a degree in *Chamorro* studies
7 who intends to teach at the Guam Public Schools upon completion of such
8 program.

9 **Section 2. 17 GCA §151311 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

10 **“§151311. Same: Prioritization of Scholarships According to**
11 **Teaching Needs.**

12 The Board shall prioritize the granting of Teacher Corps Scholarships
13 according to the teaching needs (subject area) as identified by the Guam
14 Department of Education and the Guam Community College.

15 Notwithstanding those subject areas deemed to be a teaching need by
16 the Board, a student whose declared major, minor, or certification track is in
17 *Chamorro* studies shall be provided the equal opportunity to apply for any
18 and all benefits provided in this Chapter. This shall apply to current and
19 future students whose degree and certification track leads towards the
20 teaching of the *Chamorro* language and culture in Guam’s public schools.”

21 **Section 3. Add a new section § 151311.1 to 17 GCA, Chapter 15,**
22 **Article 13 to read as follows:**

23 **“§ 151311.1. Teacher Corps Scholarships for *Chamorro***
24 **Language and Culture Teachers.**

25 The Board may award Teacher Corps Scholarships to one (1)
26 individual from every public elementary and secondary school
27 seeking to major in *Chamorro* Language and Culture studies at the

1 University of Guam; provided, that such course of study meets the
2 requirements for concentration and certification in a subject related to
3 secondary education and that such individuals, in addition to courses
4 required for their major, complete the minimum courses required for
5 teacher certification in secondary education. No less than ten (10)
6 Teacher Corps Scholarships for *Chamorro* Language and Culture
7 Studies may be awarded each year, provided that the number of
8 eligible recipients exceeds the minimum number of mandatory awards
9 as set in this section.

10 Teachers with existing baccalaureate degrees shall also be eligible for
11 a Teacher Corps Scholarship for *Chamorro* Language and Culture
12 Studies.

13 **Section 4. § 151307 (c) of 17 GCA, Chapter 15, Article 13 is**
14 **hereby repealed in its entirety.**

15 ~~§ 151307. Same: Benefits~~

16 ~~(c) Employees of GDOE. Notwithstanding any other provision of law~~
17 ~~or administrative rules and regulations, school aides, library~~
18 ~~technicians, and limited term teachers with a bachelor's degree or~~
19 ~~higher who are seeking teacher certification, and *Chamorro* language~~
20 ~~teachers whom do not have a bachelor's degree, that are employed by~~
21 ~~the Guam Department of Education may qualify for financial~~
22 ~~assistance through the Guam Teacher Corps and may:~~

23 ~~(1) continue such employment while enrolled in the Guam~~
24 ~~Teacher Corps; and~~

25 ~~(2) enroll in the Guam Teacher Corps on a part-time basis.~~

26 ~~Other employees within the Guam Department of Education may~~
27 ~~qualify for assistance as provided by this Section; provided that such~~

1 ~~employees' actual job duties primarily deal with the instruction or~~
2 ~~supervision of students. A letter of recommendation from the~~
3 ~~applicant's supervisor attesting to the applicant's job duties shall be~~
4 ~~required.~~