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**BILL STATUS**

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**Section 1. Legislative Intent.** While the High School program through the Department of Education on Guam provides education to students up through the age of Eighteen (18), and beyond if the student is in need of special education, there is no duty in Guam law for parents, guardians or other persons having control or charge of a child to send that child to school until the age of Eighteen (18) years. The law allows a child to leave school at the age of Sixteen (16) years, although there is no opportunity for a child at that age to obtain employment or engage in another worthy activity. Also, cutting short a child's educational program shortchanges that child's future and in all likelihood leaves him or her without the necessary skills to contribute meaningfully to society over the long term. Since a Sixteen Year (16) old is a minor, under the jurisdiction of a parent, guardian, or other person having control of the minor, it is proper for the duty to send a child to

school to the age of Eighteen (18) to be imposed on the parent, guardian, or other person having control of the minor.

**Section 2.** § 6102 of Article 1, Chapter 6, Division 2 of Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, is amended to read:

**“§ 6102. Duty to Send Children to School.** Any parent, guardian or other person having control or charge of any child who is *at least* five (5) years of age and has *not* reached the age of ~~sixteen(16) years~~ eighteen (18) years, *not* exempted under the provisions of this Article, shall send the child to a public or private full-time day school for the full-time of which such schools are in session, *except* that the starting date of school for children five (5) years of age shall be determined by the provisions of §§ 6103 and 6107 of this Article. The Superintendent is authorized to establish attendance areas. Any parent, guardian or other person having control or charge of any such child who is at least five (5) years of age, and has *not* reached the age ~~sixteen(16) years~~ eighteen (18) years, who fails to comply with provisions of this Section, *unless* excused or exempted therefrom, is guilty of a violation for the first offense, and subject to a fine of *not more* than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). For each subsequent offense, the person is guilty of a petty misdemeanor.”