


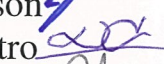


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**BILL STATUS**

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***I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2019 (FIRST) Regular Session**

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

2        **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslatura* finds that  
3 several states including Illinois, Texas and Louisiana, require their graduating  
4 seniors to apply for and submit a free application for federal student aid (FAFSA)  
5 in hopes of expanding access to financial assistance, thus encouraging an increase  
6 in college enrollment and completion. It is the intention of *I Liheslatura* to  
7 stimulate the academic development for our students and strengthen the financial  
8 integrity for our postsecondary institutions by increasing the federal funds they  
9 receive through student aid.

10        National college access groups say high school seniors leave millions of  
11 dollars in federal financial aid on the table by not completing the FAFSA form.

1 Nationwide, eligible high school seniors missed out on \$2.6 billion in federal Pell  
2 Grants because they did not fill out a FAFSA form. Greater FAFSA completion  
3 could lead to more financial aid for students and more financial resources for UOG  
4 and GCC. *I Liheslatura* finds the application process is ephemeral and exemptions  
5 are feasible through waiver requests and with the help of school guidance  
6 counselors, as is the procedure in states with this law.

7 **Section 2. FAFSA Application Requirement.** There is hereby *added* a  
8 new §4126 Chapter 4 of Title 17 GCA to read:

9 **“§4126: FAFSA Application Requirement.”**

10 As a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma from a public high  
11 school and charter school, graduating seniors must complete and submit a free  
12 application for federal student aid (FAFSA). Each high school, if applicable, must  
13 provide the student’s parent or guardian any support or assistance necessary to  
14 comply with this section. A high school must award a high school diploma to a  
15 student who is unable to meet the requirements due to extenuating circumstances,  
16 as determined by the high school, when:

17 (a) A parent or legal custodian, or a student legally emancipated or of the  
18 legal age of majority, certifies a waiver in writing to their principal if  
19 he or she refuses to complete such an application or

20 (b) A school counselor authorizes the student to decline to complete and  
21 submit the financial aid application for good cause, as determined by  
22 the school counselor.