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Via Email: speaker@guamlegislature.org

April 28, 2020

HONORABLE TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES

Speaker

I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

Guam Congress Building

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Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Re: Substitute Bill No. 332-35 (COR) – An Act to Add a New § 4124(B)(1) to Chapter 4 of Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Creating an Exemption from the Service-Learning Graduation Requirement for all High School Students Enrolled During School Year 2019-2020

and

Substitute Bill No. 339-35 (COR) - An Act to Amend § 715(1)(13) of Chapter 7, Title 1, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Exempting Guam's Public Schools from the Requirement of One Hundred Eighty (180) Instructional Days, or its Equivalence of Nine Hundred (900) Instructional Hours Pursuant to Public Law 35-77, for School Year 2019-2020

Dear Madame Speaker:

Under normal circumstances, sometime in the next few weeks, our students would begin the task of preparing for end-of-the year exams. They would be enjoying the company of their classmates, the instruction offered by their teachers, the challenges of interscholastic athletic and academic competition, and our seniors would be eagerly anticipating the pomp and circumstance of graduation.

Unfortunately, these are not normal circumstances. Instead, our students are adjusting to learning via online platforms, assignments via packets, and meals provided in grab-and-go lines. Substitute Bill Nos. 332-35 (COR) and 339-35 (COR) are signed into law as ***Public Law Nos. 35-83 and 35-***

To: Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Fr: Governor of Guam
Date: April 28, 2020
Re: Substitute Bill Nos. 332-35 (COR) and 339-35 (COR)

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84 respectively, and reflect our changed circumstances and provide exemptions to allow our public-school seniors to graduate without compiling all the service hours normally necessary and to exempt our public schools from providing the full complement of 180 instructional days. These exemptions recognize the difficulty of achieving such milestones while practicing the social distancing that is critical to our island's battle against the COVID-19 pandemic.

Senseremente,



LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO

Maga'hågan Guåhan

Governor of Guam

Enclosure(s): Substitute Bill Nos. 332-35 (COR) and 339-35 (COR) *nka Public Law Nos. 35-83 and 35-84*

cc via email: *Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*
Compiler of Laws

I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2020 (SECOND) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'HÁGAN GUÁHAN*

This is to certify that **Substitute Bill No. 332-35 (COR)**, "AN ACT TO **ADD A NEW § 4124(B)(1) TO CHAPTER 4 OF TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING AN EXEMPTION FROM THE SERVICE-LEARNING GRADUATION REQUIREMENT FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ENROLLED DURING SCHOOL YEAR 2019-2020,**" was on the 16th day of April 2020, duly and regularly passed.




Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Speaker

Attested:




Amanda L. Shelton
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 16th day of April,
2020, at 6:15 o'clock P.M.



C.J. UZANA, GOVERNMENT HOUSE
Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'håga's Office

APPROVED:



Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 4/28/2020

Public Law No. 35-83

I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2020 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 332-35 (COR)

As substituted; and amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

Telena Cruz Nelson
Amanda L. Shelton
Joe S. San Agustin
Therese M. Terlaje
Régine Biscoe Lee
Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD
Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Sabina Flores Perez
Jose "Pedo" Terlaje
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**AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW § 4124(b)(1) TO CHAPTER 4 OF
TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO
CREATING AN EXEMPTION FROM THE SERVICE-
LEARNING GRADUATION REQUIREMENT FOR ALL
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ENROLLED DURING
SCHOOL YEAR 2019-2020.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslatura* finds that Public
3 Law 30-53, codified at § 4124(b) of Chapter 4, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated,
4 requires Guam Department of Education high school students to complete seventy-

1 five (75) hours of service learning in order to graduate from high school beginning
2 with the ninth (9th) grade class during School Year 2011-2012.

3 *I Liheslatura* recognizes that the service-learning requirement as established
4 requires students to actively participate in organized service activities. *I Liheslatura*
5 further recognizes that due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak,
6 many students are unable to physically participate in these activities.

7 Thus, it is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to create an exemption for all high school
8 students enrolled during School Year 2019-2020 from the requirements set forth in
9 17 GCA § 4124(b).

10 **Section 2.** A new § 4124(b)(1) is hereby *added* to Chapter 4 of Title 17,
11 Guam Code Annotated, to read as follows:

12 “(1) All high school students enrolled during School Year 2019-2020
13 shall be exempt from the provisions of § 4124(b).”

14 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
15 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall
16 not affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without
17 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
18 severable.

19 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.



Office of the Speaker
TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
I Mina Trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guahan



April 9, 2020

To: All Senators

From: Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

RE: Waiver of Public Hearing Requirement – Bill no. 332-35

Dear Colleagues:

Buenas yan Hafa Adai! Pursuant to Section 1.02(b)(1)(ii) of our Standing Rules I hereby certify that emergency conditions exist involving danger to the public health or safety.

Furthermore, the public hearing requirement for Bill no. 332-35 (LS) is waived in accordance with 2 GCA § 2103(a).

Sinseru Yan Magahit,

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Speaker, 35th Guam Legislature



Office of the Speaker
TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
I Mina' Trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guahan



REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING WAIVER

Bill No: 332-35 (COR)

Authored By: Telena C. Nelson

Bill Title AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 4124(b)(1) OF CHAPTER 4, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING AN EXEMPTION FROM THE SERVICE-LEARNING GRADUATION REQUIREMENT FOR TWELFTH-GRADE STUDENTS OF SCHOOL YEAR 2019-2020 AND REQUIRING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION TO SUBMIT THE LIST OF ELIGIBLE STUDENTS TO THE GUAM EDUCATION BOARD.

Does this Bill directly benefit the response efforts of the Government of Guam in its effort to protect the Health and Safety of the People of Guam from COVID-19?

Yes X No _____

Does this Bill directly benefit residents of Guam during this economic crisis due to COVID-19?

Yes X No _____

Does the enactment of this measure have a cost associated with it?

Yes _____ No X

If so, please provide the following:

Anticipated Cost: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

Based on PL 35-36 will current government revenues/operations be impacted by the reduction of the anticipated funding source?

N/A

Speaker Tina Rose Muna Barnes

APR 08 2020

Time 5:00 (AM/PM)

Received By: [Signature]



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TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
 I Mina'Trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guahan



If so, please identify the estimated dollar amount reduction in revenues and a corresponding aggregate amount in appropriation reductions in PL35-36. Such reductions shall be specifically identified by fund source, by department/agency, and/or by program or miscellaneous appropriation. Is there consent or support from its respective Directors on this measure?

N/A

Should we need to assemble in the Committee of the Whole, have the respective directors and stakeholders been contacted? (Please list each individual party separately):

Name/Title	Agency	Yes/No
N/A		

OFB/BBMR:

1) Does the Office of Finance and Budget **OR** the Bureau of Budget Management and Research concur that the statements made regarding the fiscal impact of this proposed measure are accurate? *Please see attached
 Yes _____ No _____

2) Are funds available in the specified funding source to support this measure?
 Yes _____ No _____

Comments: N/A

Name & Signature of Certifying individual from BBMR or OFB:

Name	Agency & Title	Signature & Date
*Please see attached		

Should this section be unattainable, please submit documentation that demonstrates an effort was made.



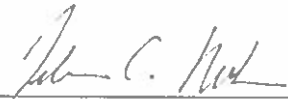


Office of the Speaker
TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
I Mina Trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guahan



The above information is true and correct. This bill addresses an immediate emergency and I am requesting that the public hearing be waived.

Name of Main Author/Senator Making a request to waive Public Hearing Telena C. Nelson

Signature 

Date 4/8/2020

Note: Public concerns/comments that have been received with regards to this measure, or any other pertinent document/information can be attached to this document.

Attachments:

A. Correspondence to the Office of Finance and Budget

B. N/A

C. N/A



Telena Cruz Nelson <senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org>

Fiscal Impact of Bill 332-35 (COR)

1 message

Office of Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson <senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org>
To: ofb@guamlegislature.org

Wed, Apr 8, 2020 at 11:05 AM

Hafa Adai Office of Finance and Budget,

We are respectfully requesting confirmation from the Office of Finance of Budget that there are no government costs, or provisions which would reduce government revenue, associated with with Bill 332-35:

Bill No. 332-35 (COR) - Telena Cruz Nelson

AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 4124(b)(1) OF CHAPTER 4, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING AN EXEMPTION FROM THE SERVICE-LEARNING GRADUATION REQUIREMENT FOR TWELFTH-GRADE STUDENTS OF SCHOOL YEAR 2019-2020 AND REQUIRING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION TO SUBMIT THE LIST OF ELIGIBLE STUDENTS TO THE GUAM EDUCATION BOARD.

We appreciate your consideration. *Si Yu'os Ma'ase'.*



The Office of Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson
Committee on Education, Air Transportation,
and Statistics, Research, and Planning

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I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2020 (SECOND) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'HÁGAN GUÁHAN*

This is to certify that **Substitute Bill No. 339-35 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND § 715(I)(13) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXEMPTING GUAM'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS, OR ITS EQUIVALENCE OF NINE HUNDRED (900) INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 35-77, FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2019-2020,"** was on the 16th day of April 2020, duly and regularly passed.




Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Speaker

Attested:




Amanda L. Shelton
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hágan Guáhan* this 16th day of April,
2020, at 6:15 o'clock P.M.



C.J. UZAHA, GOVERNMENT HOUSE
Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'hága's Office

APPROVED:



Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hágan Guáhan

Date: 4/28/2020

Public Law No. 35-84

I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2020 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 339-35 (COR)

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

Telena Cruz Nelson
Amanda L. Shelton
Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD
Régine Biscoe Lee
Joe S. San Agustin
Tina Rose Muña Barnes
William M. Castro
James C. Moylan
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AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 715(l)(13) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXEMPTING GUAM'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS, OR ITS EQUIVALENCE OF NINE HUNDRED (900) INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 35-77, FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2019-2020.

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslatura* finds that Public
3 Law 35-77 amended § 715(l)(13) of Chapter 7, Title 1, Guam Code Annotated, to
4 require the one hundred eighty (180) instructional days, or its equivalence of nine

1 hundred (900) instructional hours per school year, for both elementary and
2 secondary schools.

3 *I Liheslatura* recognizes that because of the closure of Guam’s public schools
4 due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Guam Department of Education may be unable
5 to provide the one hundred eighty (180) instructional days, or its equivalence of nine
6 hundred (900) instructional hours, as required by Public Law 35-77.

7 Thus, it is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to create an exemption from the one
8 hundred eighty (180) instructional days, or its equivalence of nine hundred (900)
9 instructional hours, requirement for School Year 2019-2020.

10 **Section 2.** § 715(l)(13) of Chapter 7, Title 1, Guam Code Annotated, is
11 hereby *amended* to read as follows:

12 “(13) at least one hundred eighty (180) instructional days, or its
13 equivalence, including make-up hours each school year with school years
14 ending no later than thirty (30) days following the end of the calendared
15 school year; provided, that the Guam Department of Education is exempt from
16 the requirements of this § 715(l)(13) for School Year 2019-2020.”

17 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
18 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall
19 not affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without
20 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
21 severable.

22 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.



Office of the Speaker
TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
I Mina'Trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guahan



April 9, 2020

To: All Senators

From: Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

RE: Waiver of Public Hearing Requirement – Bill no. 339-35

Dear Colleagues:

Buenas yan Hafa Adai! Pursuant to Section 1.02(b)(1)(ii) of our Standing Rules I hereby certify that emergency conditions exist involving danger to the public health or safety.

Furthermore, the public hearing requirement for Bill no. 339-35 (LS) is waived in accordance with 2 GCA § 2103(a).

Sinseru Yan Magahit,

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Speaker, 35th Guam Legislature



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REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING WAIVER

Bill No: 339-35 (COR)

Authored By: Telena C. Nelson

Bill Title AN ACT TO AMEND § 715(l)(13) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING AN EXEMPTION DURING SCHOOL YEAR 2019-2020 FROM THE NINE HUNDRED (900) INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS REQUIREMENT FOR GUAM'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS MANDATED BY PUBLIC LAW 35-77.

Does this Bill directly benefit the response efforts of the Government of Guam in its effort to protect the Health and Safety of the People of Guam from COVID-19?

Yes _____

No _____

Does this Bill directly benefit residents of Guam during this economic crisis due to COVID-19?

Yes _____

No _____

Does the enactment of this measure have a cost associated with it?

Yes _____

No _____

If so, please provide the following:

Anticipated Cost: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

Based on PL 35-36 will current government revenues/operations be impacted by the reduction of the anticipated funding source?

N/A

Speaker Tina Rose Muna Barnes

APR 08 2020

Time 5:00 (AM/PM)

Received By: [Signature]



Office of the Speaker,
TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
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N/A

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Yes _____ No _____

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Comments: N/A

Name & Signature of Certifying individual from BBMR or OFB:

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Office of the Speaker
TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
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The above information is true and correct. This bill addresses an immediate emergency and I am requesting that the public hearing be waived.

Name of Main Author/Senator Making a request to waive Public Hearing Telena C. Nelson

Signature 

Date 04/08/2020

Note: Public concerns/comments that have been received with regards to this measure, or any other pertinent document/information can be attached to this document.

Attachments:

A. Correspondence to the Office of Finance and Budget

B. N/A

C. N/A



Telena Cruz Nelson <senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org>

Fiscal Impact of Bill 339-35

1 message

Office of Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson <senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org>
To: ofb@guamlegislature.org

Wed, Apr 8, 2020 at 11:08 AM

Hafa Adai Office of Finance and Budget,

We are respectfully requesting confirmation from the Office of Finance of Budget that there are no government costs, or provisions which would reduce government revenue, associated with with Bill 339-35:

Bill No. 339-35 (COR) - Telena Cruz Nelson / Amanda L. Shelton / Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD / Régine Biscoe Lee / Joe S. San Agustin / Tina Rose Muña Barnes

AN ACT TO AMEND § 715(I)(13) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING AN EXEMPTION DURING SCHOOL YEAR 2019-2020 FROM THE NINE HUNDRED (900) INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS REQUIREMENT FOR GUAM'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS MANDATED BY PUBLIC LAW 35-77.

We appreciate your consideration. *Si Yu'os Ma'ase'!*



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