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Honorable Benjamin J.F. Cruz
Speaker
I Mina'trentai Kuåttro Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 159-34 (COR), **"AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 6102 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 6, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO RAISING THE AGE FROM SIXTEEN (16) TO EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OLD IN REFERENCE TO THE DUTY TO SEND CHILDREN TO SCHOOL,"** which was signed on June 5, 2018, as **Public Law 34-104.**

Senseramente,

RAY TENORIO
I Maga'låhen Guåhan, para pa'go
Acting Governor of Guam

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I MINA'TRENTAI KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2018 (SECOND) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'LÅHEN GUÅHAN*

This is to certify that **Bill No. 159-34 (COR), "AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 6102 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 6, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO RAISING THE AGE FROM SIXTEEN (16) TO EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OLD IN REFERENCE TO THE DUTY TO SEND CHILDREN TO SCHOOL,"** was on the 23rd day of May 2018, duly and regularly passed.

Benjamin J.F. Cruz
Speaker

Attested:

Régine Biscoe Lee
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'låhen Guåhan* this 24 day of May 2018, at 4:30 o'clock P.M.

Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'låhi's Office

APPROVED:

RAYMOND S. TENORIO
Acting Governor of Guam

Date: JUN 05 2018

Public Law No. 34-104

I MINA'TRENTAI KUÅTTRO LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2017 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 159-34 (COR)
As amended by the Committee on Education,
Finance and Taxation; and further amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that while the high school program of the Guam Department of Education 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 (16) year old is a minor, and 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 be raised 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, 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 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. A student is exempted from the upper age requirement if the student graduates or obtains a General Educational Development (GED), prior to eighteen (18) years of age. 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 of eighteen (18) years, who fails to comply with the provisions of this Section, *unless* excused or exempted therefrom, is guilty of a violation for the first offense, and subject to perform one hundred (100) hours of community service at the school of the student. For each subsequent offense, the person is guilty of a petty misdemeanor."