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Dear Mr. Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 160-34 (COR), **"AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 715(I)(13) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CONVERTING THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS REQUIRED EACH SCHOOL YEAR BY THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO NINE HUNDRED (900) INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS PER YEAR FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY (1,260) INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS PER YEAR FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS,"** which was signed on June 5, 2018, as **Public Law 34-105.**

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. 160-34 (COR), "AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 715(l)(13) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CONVERTING THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS REQUIRED EACH SCHOOL YEAR BY THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO NINE HUNDRED (900) INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS PER YEAR FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY (1,260) INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS PER YEAR FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS,"** 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 4:20 o'clock P.M.

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Maga'låhi's Office

APPROVED:

RAYMOND S. TENORIO
Acting Governor of Guam

Date: JUN 05 2018

Public Law No. 34-105

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

Bill No. 160-34 (COR)
As amended by the Committee on Education,
Finance and Taxation; and further amended on the Floor.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Mina'Trentai Kuåttro Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the computation of one hundred eighty (180) instructional days as a required unit of attendance each year by students of the Guam

Department of Education sometimes leads to requiring an excess of make-up time when portions of instructional days are eliminated due to unforeseen circumstances. For example, at times students are released early from school attendance due to the lack of water or power, a safety concern, or some other unforeseen event making it necessary to send students home. At times, due to a safety concern, students are removed from a school building for only an hour or so, then allowed back in to resume their studies.

While students may have already attended classes for a number of hours before being released to go home or removed from the buildings, releasing students early or removing them from the buildings for an hour or two (2) requires the make-up of a complete instructional day, as the loss of a portion of a day is the loss of one (1) complete day.

In order to facilitate make-up days coinciding with the actual amount of instructional time lost, it is desired to convert instructional days into instructional hours. This would facilitate the situation where students may have lost several hours one (1) day, and several hours another day, to have one seven (7) hour make-up day to make up for the loss of these portions of days.

To compute required instructional hours, the one hundred eighty (180) instructional days are converted to hours of five (5) hours per day per school week of instructional days for elementary schools, and to hours of seven (7) hours per day per school week of instructional days for middle and high schools.

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

"(13) at least one hundred eighty (180) instructional days, or its equivalence, including make-up days each school year with school years ending no later than thirty (30) days following the end of the calendared school year. The one hundred eighty (180) instructional days are to be

converted into equivalent hours by computing elementary school days at five (5) hours per day for a total of nine hundred (900) hours per year, and by computing middle school and high school days at seven (7) hours per day for a total of one thousand two hundred sixty (1,260) hours per year.

Scheduled Easter and Christmas breaks *shall not* be included in make-up days or hours; and"