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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslatura* finds that Public Law 30-53, codified at § 4124(b) of Chapter 4, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, requires Guam Department of Education high school students to complete seventy-five (75) hours of service learning in order to graduate from high school beginning with the ninth (9^{th}) grade class during School Year 2011-2012.

I Liheslatura recognizes that the service-learning requirement as established requires students to actively participate in organized service activities. *I Liheslatura* further recognizes that due to the ongoing effects of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and the development of various new strains of the virus that contributed to exacerbating the education of the island's students. Due to the ongoing global pandemic, many students continue to be unable to physically participate in these activities.

Thus, it is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to create an exemption for all high school students enrolled during School Year 2021-2022 from the requirement s set forth in 17 GCA § 4124(b).

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

"(2) All high school students enrolled during School Year 2021-2022 shall be exempt from the provisions of § 4124(b)."

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

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