

I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
BILL STATUS

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES	NOTES
286-36 (LS) As amended on the Floor.	Telena Cruz Nelson Amanda L. Shelton Mary Camacho Torres Joe S. San Agustin	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, FOR SCHOOL YEARS 2020-2021 AND 2021-2022.	4/5/22 1:07 p.m.	4/8/22	Committee on Education, Self-Determination and Historic Preservation, Infrastructure, Border Safety, Federal and Foreign Affairs, and Maritime Transportation	4/18/22 10:00 a.m.	4/21/22 1:23 p.m.	Request: 4/11/22 Waiver: 4/14/22	
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	4/22/22	AN ACT TO AMEND § 715(1)(13) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXEMPTING THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS, OR ITS EQUIVALENCE OF NINE HUNDRED (900) INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS, FOR SCHOOL YEARS 2020-2021 AND 2021-2022.	4/29/22	5/2/22	5/13/22	36-95	5/13/22	Received: 5/13/22 Mess and Comm. Doc. No. 36GL-22-2026	

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36th Guam Legislature

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Re: BILL NO. 286-36 (LS) – AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 715(1)(13) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, REALATIVE TO EXEMPTING THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS, OR ITS EQUIVALENCE OF NINE HUNDRED (900) INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS, FOR SCHOOL YEARS 2020-2021 AND 2021-2022

BILL NO. 287-36 (LS) – AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW § 4124(b)(2) TO CHAPTER 4 OF TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING AN EXEMPTION FROM THE SERVICE-LEARNING REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR SCHOOL YEARS 2021-2022 AND 2022-2023

Hafa Adai Madame Speaker,

Guam law requires that Guam Department of Education (“GDOE”) schools provide 180 instructional days, or the equivalent 900 instructional hours each school year. Guam law additionally conditions graduation for GDOE seniors on the performance of 75 hours of service learning. Without question, these requirements further our island’s interest in ensuring that our students receive a quality education that prepares them to enter the workforce when they graduate.

However, the past two years have interrupted many of our plans as a community. Even with the best efforts of our administrators, teachers and students, fulfillment of these established standards would present a challenge that is monumental at best, and insurmountable at worst. Mechanical application of these standards would undermine the interests of our schools, our students, and our island, particularly when the ability to meet these requirements, which are achievable in ordinary times, was disrupted by objectively extraordinary circumstances – a global pandemic – well beyond the control of our schools and our students.

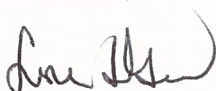
To: Speaker Terlaje
Fr: Governor of Guam
Date: May 12, 2022
Re: Bill No. 286-36 (LS) and 287-36 (LS)

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Our teachers and our students have had to toggle between in-person and online education, and navigate unprecedented operational and technological challenges, in furtherance of mitigation measures that were necessary to ensure the safety of our community. Our schools have risen to the challenge through implementation of innovative and creative solutions designed to help our students overcome the unavoidable obstacles to their learning. Yesterday, Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio and I announced the approved salary adjustments for our teachers and administrators. This measure is long overdue but especially timely, in light of the sacrifices our teachers and administrators have made to help uplift our students through these difficult times.

Bill Nos. 286-36 and 287-36, now known as **Public Law Nos. 36-95 and 36-96**, respectively, provide limited exemptions to the existing requirements as follows: Graduating seniors for SY2021-2022 and 2022-2023 will be exempt from the service-learning requirement, and GDOE will be exempt from the instructional day and hour requirement for SY2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022. These measures will ensure that our education system is not overburdened and our students are not unduly penalized, that our students are given the space they need to recover from the deleterious effects of the pandemic, and that our schools are empowered to apply more focused and targeted interventions for the students who need them most.

Senseremente,

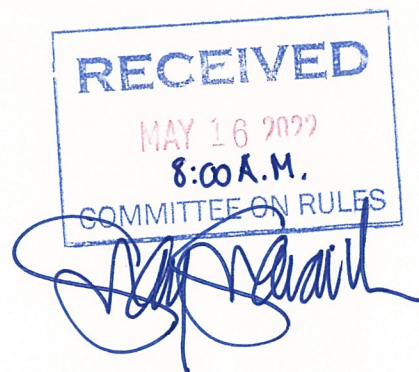


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Enclosure: Bill No. 286-36 (LS) *nka P.L. No. 36-95*
Bill No. 287-36 (LS) *nka P.L. No. 36-96*

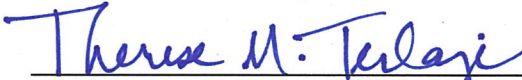
cc via email: *Honorable Joshua F. Tenorio, Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*
Compiler of Laws




I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2022 (SECOND) Regular Session

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


This is to certify that **Bill No. 286-36 (LS)**, "AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 715(1)(13) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXEMPTING THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS, OR ITS EQUIVALENCE OF NINE HUNDRED (900) INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS, FOR SCHOOL YEARS 2020-2021 AND 2021-2022," was on the 29th day of April 2022, duly and regularly passed.


Therese M. Terlaje
Speaker


Attested:


Amanda L. Shelton
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 2nd day of May, 2022, at 5:17 o'clock P.M.


Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'håga's Office

APPROVED:


Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 5/13/2022

Public Law No. 36-95

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2022 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 286-36 (LS)

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO AMEND § 715(l)(13) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXEMPTING THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS, OR ITS EQUIVALENCE OF NINE HUNDRED (900) INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS, FOR SCHOOL YEARS 2020-2021 AND 2021-2022.

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslatura* finds that §
3 715(l)(13) of Chapter 7, Title 1, Guam Code Annotated, requires the Guam
4 Department of Education (GDOE) to have one hundred eighty (180) instructional

1 days, or its equivalence of nine hundred (900) instructional hours, per school year
2 for both elementary and secondary public schools.

3 *I Liheslatura* recognizes that the development of various strains of the
4 coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused for the closure of schools once again
5 during the school year 2021-2022 that prevented students being in classes for
6 twenty-four (24) days. While GDOE teachers are on track to provide one hundred
7 eighty (180) days of instruction, the shift of in-person students to attend classes
8 through cohorts reduced the number of instructional days received by students.
9 GDOE teachers did provide the required number of instructional days in school year
10 2020-2021, but students were in cohorts and did not receive the required number of
11 instructional days. For school year 2021-2022, GDOE may be unable to provide the
12 one hundred eighty (180) days of instructional days, or its equivalence of nine
13 hundred (900) instructional hours, requirement.

14 Thus, it is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to create an exemption from § 715(l)(13)
15 of Chapter 7, Title 1, Guam Code Annotated, to include school years 2020-2021 and
16 2021-2022.

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

19 “(13) at least one hundred eighty (180) instructional days, or its
20 equivalence, including make-up hours each school year with school years
21 ending no later than thirty (30) days following the end of the calendared
22 school year; provided, that the Guam Department of Education is exempt from
23 the requirements of this § 715(l)(13) for School Years 2019-2020, 2020-2021,
24 and 2021-2022.”

25 **Section 3.** The Guam Department of Education shall provide a report
26 detailing learning loss, interventions, and outcome of interventions of all high school

1 students enrolled for School Years 2020 through 2023 to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* by
2 June 30, 2023.

3 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
4 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall
5 not affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without
6 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
7 severable.

8 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.