

*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
287-36 (LS) As amended on the Floor.	Telena Cruz Nelson Amanda L. Shelton Mary Camacho Torres Joe S. San Agustin	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 GRADUATION REQUIREMENT FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ENROLLED DURING SCHOOL YEAR 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	
	SESSION DATE	TITLE	DATE PASSED	TRANSMITTED	DUE DATE	PUBLIC LAW NO.	DATE SIGNED	NOTES	
	4/22/22	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.	4/29/22	5/2/22	5/13/22	36-96	5/13/22	Received: 5/13/22 Mess and Comm. Doc. No. 36GL-22-2027	

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**HONORABLE THERESE M. TERLAJE**

*Speaker*

*I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

36<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature  
Guam Congress Building  
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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, 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**

**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.

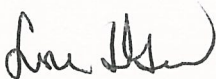
To: Speaker Terlaje  
Fr: Governor of Guam  
Date: May 12, 2022  
Re: Bill No. 286-36 (LS) and 287-36 (LS)

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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,*



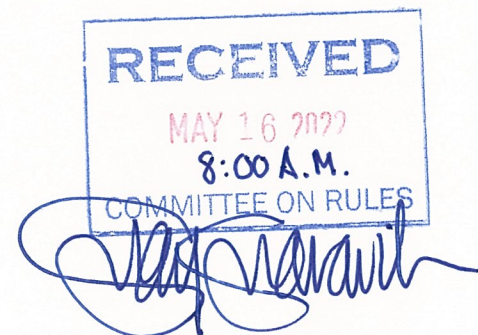
**LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO**

*Maga'hågan Guåhan*

Governor of Guam

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

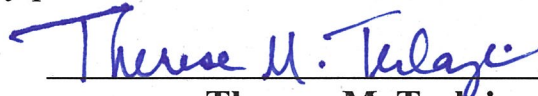
cc via email: *Honorable Joshua F. Tenorio, Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*  
Compiler of Laws



**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. 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," was on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022, duly and regularly passed.



**Therese M. Terlaje**  
**Speaker**

Attested:



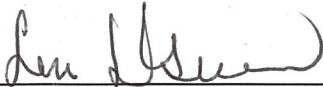
**Amanda L. Shelton**  
**Legislative Secretary**

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 36-96

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

**Bill No. 287-36 (LS)**

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

Telena Cruz Nelson  
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V. Anthony Ada  
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**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.**

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

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

1 complete seventy-five (75) hours of service learning in order to graduate from high  
2 school beginning with the ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) 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 ongoing effects of the coronavirus disease 2019  
6 (COVID-19) and the development of various new strains of the virus it has  
7 contributed to exacerbating the education of the island's students; and due to the  
8 ongoing global pandemic, many students continue to be unable to physically  
9 participate in these service activities.

10 Thus, it is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to create an exemption for all graduating  
11 high school students for School Years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 from the  
12 requirement set forth in 17 GCA § 4124(b).

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

15 “(2) Graduating high school students for School Years 2021-2022 and  
16 2022-2023 shall be exempt from the provisions of § 4124(b).”

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.