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This measure helps raise awareness among our graduating seniors of resources available to them as they plan their futures. To ensure the success of this measure, I urge the Guam Education Board to adopt rules implementing Bill 211 that reflect several key considerations

First, other jurisdictions with similar measures report that utilizing creative and positive campaigns to encourage and assist in submission of the FAFSAs and ensuring the availability of meaningful counseling with students and families to interpret the results and help in evaluating options have yielded strong response from the affected community. The new FAFSA requirement should not be treated as a standalone but should be integrated into a broader, continuing effort to counsel Guam students and families as they build their futures.

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Second, it is important to note that the FAFSA is increasingly prepared and submitted only online. Many Guam families lack ready access to a computer or the internet. I encourage the Guam Education Board to adopt measures to resolve issues of access for these families as they prepare the FAFSA submission.

Finally, many affected parents or guardians primarily speak languages other than English. The Guam Education Board should seek to ensure that resources are made available to assist these families to minimize potential language barriers in the completion and submission of the FAFSA, and the broader financial aid process.

For these reasons, and with the considerations in mind, I sign Bill No. 211-37 (COR) into law as ***Public Law No. 37-93***.

Senseramente,

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga'hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

Enclosure(s): Bill No. 211-37 (COR) nka P.L. 37-93

cc via email: The *Honorable* Joshua F. Tenorio, *Maga'låhen Guåhan*, Lt. Governor of Guam
Compiler of Laws

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2024 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that **Bill No. 211-37 (COR), "AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW § 3223 TO ARTICLE 2 OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PRIORITIZING ACCESS TO FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE COMPLETION OF THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) BY GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL AND ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL SENIORS,"** was on the 26th day of April 2024, duly and regularly passed.

Therese M. Terlaje

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Speaker

Attested:

Amanda L. Shelton

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Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 26th day of April, 2024, at 4:28 o'clock P.M.

Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'håga's Office

APPROVED:

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 5/8/2024

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2023 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 211-37 (COR)
As amended by the Committee on
Education, Public Safety and the Arts;
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 Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that a post-secondary education provides individuals with opportunities to develop

or enhance professional skills which are essential to their career of choice. The value of a post-secondary education goes beyond the higher financial earnings potential, it prepares individuals to develop the leadership and temperament to successfully contribute to society as a member of their respective organization.

I Liheslatura finds that post-secondary education costs are not immune to inflationary impacts. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, the average tuition and fees were higher in academic year 2020-2021 than in academic year 2010-2011 for first-time, full-time undergraduate students at public, private nonprofit, and private for-profit four (4)-year institutions. At two (2)-year institutions, the average tuition and fees were higher in 2020-2021 than in 2010-2011 for public and private nonprofit institutions, but lower for private for-profit institutions. At public four (4)-year institutions, the average tuition and fees were Nine Thousand Four Hundred Dollars ($9,400) in 2020-2021, about ten percent (10%) higher than they were in 2010-2011 ($8,500). At private nonprofit four (4)-year institutions, the average tuition and fees were Thirty-seven Thousand Six Hundred Dollars ($37,600) in 2020-2021, about nineteen percent (19%) higher than they were in 2010-2011 ($31,700). At private for-profit four (4)-year institutions, the average tuition and fees were Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred Dollars ($18,200) in 2020-2021, about one percent (1%) higher than they were in 2010-2011 ($18,100). The average tuition and fees were eighteen percent (18%) higher in academic year 2020-2021 than in academic year 2010-2011 at public two (2)-year institutions ($3,900 vs. $3,300) and nine percent (9%) higher in 2020-2021 than in 2010-2011 at private nonprofit two (2)-year institutions ($18,000 vs. $16,500). In contrast, the average tuition and fees were five percent (5%) lower in 2020-2021 than in 2010-2011 at private for-profit two (2)-year institutions ($15,800 vs. $16,600).

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that additional efforts must be implemented to encourage high school/academy charter school students to apply for federal student financial aid. Without confirming whether they qualify for federal financial assistance, students may be discouraged from pursuing a post-secondary education despite the availability of federal student aid. Based on information provided by the National College Attainment Network, the high school/academy charter school class of 2022 left approximately $3.6 Billion Dollars in Pell Grants on the table by not completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. National data suggests that states that have adopted FAFSA completion requirements have seen impressive results for their students completing the process.

Through this Act, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* therefore intends to prioritize access to federal financial assistance by requiring Guam Department of Education high school and academy charter school seniors to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid; and the passage of this Act is critical to ensuring that Guam's students are in a stronger position to maximize federal student aid benefits.

Section 2. A new § 3223 is *added* to Article 2 of Chapter 3, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

"**§ 3223. Free Application for Federal Student Aid.**

(a) Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, and in addition to any other requirements established by law and the Guam Education Board, as a prerequisite to receiving a high school/academy charter school diploma from the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) or academy charter high school, the parent or legal guardian of each student or student if the student is at least eighteen (18) years of age, must complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

(b) A copy of the FAFSA form receipt shall be submitted to GDOE or academy charter school and the agency shall in no way require or retain

any copies of the FAFSA form or confidential information disclosed on the application.

(c) Upon the request of a parent or legal guardian, GDOE or academy charter school must provide the student and their parent or legal guardian with any support or assistance necessary to complete the FAFSA form and shall ensure none of the confidential information shared by the parent or legal guardian is to be retained in any GDOE high school/academy charter school student records.

(d) GDOE or academy charter high school must award a high school/academy charter school diploma to a student who otherwise qualifies for a diploma but would rather opt out of the requirements of this Section if the parent or legal guardian, or student, if the student is at least eighteen (18) years of age, certifies through a declaration, signed under penalty of perjury, that he or she opts out of completing the FAFSA form.

(e) Any person who assists with the completion of the FAFSA form and who discloses confidential information to anyone other than a GDOE student and their parent or legal guardian, commits a misdemeanor.

(f) The Guam Education Board may adopt rules to implement the requirements of this Section."

Section 3. Effective Date. This Act shall be effective upon enactment.

Section 4. Severability. If any provision of this Act or its application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, 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.