

*I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
**BILL STATUS**

| BILL NO.    | SPONSOR  | TITLE  | DATE INTRODUCED      | DATE REFERRED      | CMTE REFERRED                                      | FISCAL NOTES                           | PUBLIC HEARING DATE  | DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED  | NOTES |
|-------------|--|--|----------------------|--------------------|--|--|----------------------|--|-------|
| 109-37 (LS) | Committee on Maritime Transportation, Air Transportation, Parks, Tourism, Higher Education and the Advancement of Women, Youth, and Senior Citizens by request of <i>I Kongressun Manhoben Guåhan</i> , the Guam Youth Congress, in accordance with 2 GCA §7102. | AN ACT TO <i>ADD</i> A NEW § 4124(b)(3) AND (4) TO CHAPTER 4 OF TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROVIDING PARITY BY CREATING AN EXEMPTION FROM COMPLETING THE FULL SEVENTY-FIVE (75) HOURS OF SERVICE LEARNING REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024 AND INSTEAD REQUIRE THE COMPLETION OF THIRTY-FIVE (35) HOURS OF SERVICE LEARNING AND FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025 AND INSTEAD REQUIRE THE COMPLETION OF FIFTY-FIVE (55) HOURS OF SERVICE LEARNING.      | 5/2/23<br>10:22 a.m. | 5/3/23             | Committee on Education, Public Safety and the Arts | Request: 5/3/23<br><br>Waiver: 5/12/23 | 9/20/23<br>9:00 a.m. | 11/9/23<br>4:27 p.m.   |       |
|             | <b>SESSION DATE</b>  | <b>TITLE</b>   | <b>DATE PASSED</b>   | <b>TRANSMITTED</b> | <b>DUE DATE</b>                                    | <b>PUBLIC LAW NO.</b>                  | <b>DATE SIGNED</b>   | <b>NOTES</b>   |       |
|             | 5/28/24  | AN ACT TO <i>ADD</i> NEW SUBSECTIONS (3) AND (4) TO § 4124(b) OF CHAPTER 4, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROVIDING PARITY BY CREATING AN EXEMPTION FROM COMPLETING THE FULL SEVENTY-FIVE (75) HOURS OF SERVICE LEARNING REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024, AND INSTEAD REQUIRE THE COMPLETION OF THIRTY-FIVE (35) HOURS OF SERVICE LEARNING; AND TO REQUIRE THE COMPLETION OF FIFTY-FIVE (55) HOURS OF SERVICE LEARNING FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025. | 5/31/24              | 5/31/24            | 6/12/24  | 37-96                                  | 6/5/24               | Received: 6/5/24<br>Messages and Communications<br>Doc. No. 37GL-24-2168 |       |

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO  
GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO  
LT. GOVERNOR

UFISINAN I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN  
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June 5, 2024

**THE HON. AMANDA SHELTON, Acting Speaker**  
*I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
37th Guam Legislature  
Guam Congress Building  
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OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER  
THERESE M. TERLAJE  
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Time: 8:30 am  
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**Re: Bill No. 109-37 (LS) - AN ACT TO ADD NEW SUBSECTIONS (3) AND (4) TO § 4124(b) OF CHAPTER 4, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROVIDING PARITY BY CREATING AN EXEMPTION FROM COMPLETING THE FULL SEVENTY-FIVE (75) HOURS OF SERVICE LEARNING REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024, AND INSTEAD REQUIRE THE COMPLETION OF THIRTY-FIVE (35) HOURS OF SERVICE LEARNING; AND TO REQUIRE THE COMPLETION OF FIFTY-FIVE (55) HOURS OF SERVICE LEARNING FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025.**

*Håfa Adai* Acting Speaker,

Guam law requires Guam Department of Education high school students to complete seventy-five (75) hours of service learning in order to graduate. Recognizing the impact of COVID-19 on in-person learning, Bill No. 109-37 (LS) creates an exemption from this requirement for high school students graduating in 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. Students graduating in 2023-2024, who were in the ninth (9th) and tenth (10) grade in School Year 2020-2021 and 2021-2022, will instead be required to complete thirty-five (35) hours of service learning. Similarly, students graduating in 2024-2025, who were in the ninth (9th) grade in School Year 2021-2022 will be required to complete fifty-five (55) hours of service learning.

This reduction of required service learning hours, proposed by the Guam Youth Congress, is equitable in light of exemptions prior legislation granted to graduating classes affected by the pandemic. Members of the Guam Youth Congress testified in support of the bill, highlighting the continued impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on students' ability to pursue service learning opportunities.

I would like to thank the Guam Youth Congress for proposing Bill No. 109-37, which will equitably enable our graduating seniors to move forward despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**RECEIVED**  
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**received**  
6/5/24 6:25 pm  
Legislative Secretary  
Jason T. [Signature]

To: The Hon. Amanda Shelton, Acting Speaker  
Fr: The Hon. Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, Governor of Guam  
Date: June 5, 2024  
Re: Bill No. 109-37 (LS)

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For this reason, I am signing Bill No. 109-37 (LS) into law as **Public Law No. 37-96**.

*Senseramente,*



**LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO**

*I Maga'hågan Guåhan*

Governor of Guam

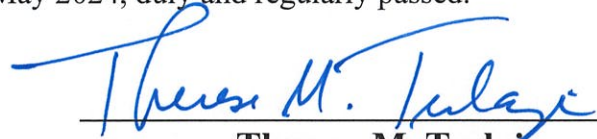
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cc via email: *Honorable* Joshua F. Tenorio, *Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*, Lt. Governor of Guam  
Compiler of Laws

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

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

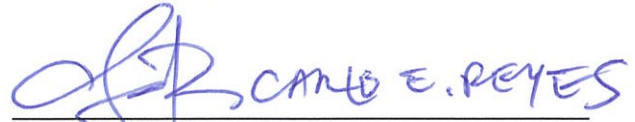
This is to certify that **Bill No. 109-37 (LS)**, “AN ACT TO *ADD* NEW SUBSECTIONS (3) AND (4) TO § 4124(b) OF CHAPTER 4, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROVIDING PARITY BY CREATING AN EXEMPTION FROM COMPLETING THE FULL SEVENTY-FIVE (75) HOURS OF SERVICE LEARNING REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024, AND INSTEAD REQUIRE THE COMPLETION OF THIRTY-FIVE (35) HOURS OF SERVICE LEARNING; AND TO REQUIRE THE COMPLETION OF FIFTY-FIVE (55) HOURS OF SERVICE LEARNING FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025,” was on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May 2024, duly and regularly passed.

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


Attested:

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

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This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 31<sup>ST</sup> day of MAY,  
2024, at 5:22 o'clock P.M.

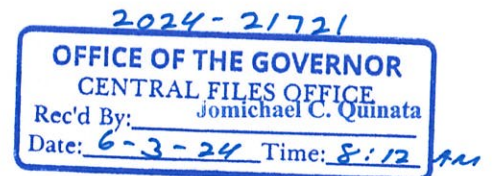
  
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**Camilo E. Reyes**  
**Assistant Staff Officer**  
**Maga'håga's Office**

APPROVED:

  
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**Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero**  
***I Maga'hågan Guåhan***

Date: 6/5/2024

Public Law No. 37-94



*I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
2023 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 109-37 (LS)

Introduced by:

Committee on Maritime  
Transportation, Air  
Transportation, Parks, Tourism,  
Higher Education and the  
Advancement of Women,  
Youth, and Senior Citizens  
by request of *I Kongressun*  
*Manhoben Guåhan*, the Guam  
Youth Congress, in accordance  
with 2 GCA §7102.

**AN ACT TO ADD NEW SUBSECTIONS (3) AND (4) TO § 4124(b) OF CHAPTER 4, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROVIDING PARITY BY CREATING AN EXEMPTION FROM COMPLETING THE FULL SEVENTY-FIVE (75) HOURS OF SERVICE LEARNING REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024, AND INSTEAD REQUIRE THE COMPLETION OF THIRTY-FIVE (35) HOURS OF SERVICE LEARNING; AND TO REQUIRE THE COMPLETION OF FIFTY-FIVE (55) HOURS OF SERVICE LEARNING FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025.**

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 (GDOE) high school students

1 to complete seventy-five (75) hours of service learning in order to graduate from  
2 high school beginning with the ninth (9th) grade class during School Year 2011-  
3 2012.

4 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* also finds that on April 29, 2022, *I Mina'trentai Sais*  
5 *Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* duly and regularly passed Bill 287-36 and was signed into  
6 law on May 13, 2022, by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* as Public Law 36-96, which  
7 exempted graduating high school students for School Years 2021-2022 and 2022-  
8 2023 from the full seventy-five (75) hours of service learning requirement as set  
9 forth in 17 GCA, Chapter 4, § 4124(b), due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

10 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* recognizes that the ill effects of the COVID-19  
11 pandemic and the ensuing public health emergency, which had begun on March 14,  
12 2020 at the onset of the pandemic, and ended on January 6, 2023, has affected the  
13 education of the island's students, many of whom had been unable to physically  
14 participate in service activities during School Years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022, to  
15 include the graduating high school students of School Years 2023- 2024 and 2024-  
16 2025, who were excluded from the effects of Public Law 36-96, as governmental  
17 entities, non-profit organizations, and community partners refrained from offering  
18 many service learning opportunities as the island slowly lifted its pandemic  
19 restrictions.

20 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the opening of full and only face-to-  
21 face learning in School Year 2022-2023 and the conclusion of the public health  
22 emergency by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* on January 6, 2023, serves as a proper point  
23 in the return to normalcy for the education of our island's students and as an  
24 appropriate time for students to fully comply with the provisions set forth in 17 GCA,  
25 Chapter 4, § 4124(b).

26 Thus, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to provide parity by creating  
27 an exemption for all graduating high school students for School Year 2023-2024,

1 who had been in the ninth (9th) grade and tenth (10th) grade class in School Years  
2 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 respectively, from completing the full seventy-five (75)  
3 hours of service learning, as required in 17 GCA, Chapter 4, § 4124(b), and instead  
4 require them to complete thirty-five (35) hours of service learning.

5 Further, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to provide parity by creating  
6 an exemption for all graduating high school students for School Year 2024-2025,  
7 who had been in the ninth (9th) grade class in School Year 2021-2022, from  
8 completing the full seventy-five (75) hours of service learning, as required in 17  
9 GCA, Chapter 4, § 4124(b), and instead require them to complete fifty-five (55)  
10 hours of service learning.

11 **Section 2.** New Subsections (3) and (4) are hereby *added* to § 4124(b) of  
12 Chapter 4, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, to read as follows:

13 “(3) Graduating high school students for School Year 2023-2024 shall be  
14 exempt from the provisions of § 4124(b), and instead shall be required to complete  
15 thirty-five (35) hours of service learning as a requirement for high school graduation.

16 (4) Graduating high school students for School Year 2024-2025 shall be  
17 exempt from the provisions of § 4124(b), and instead shall be required to complete  
18 fifty-five (55) hours of service learning as a requirement for high school graduation.”

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

20 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any  
21 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall not  
22 affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without  
23 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are  
24 severable.