

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, by amending section 224 thereof to provide for the submittal to Congress of periodic reports on public project accounts, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

1 Section 1. Section 224 of title 55 of the Code of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia is hereby amended to read as
3 follows:

4 "Section 224. Disbursement procedures.

5 Unless otherwise specifically provided by law, the
6 following procedures shall control the administration
7 and management of all funds appropriated from the
8 General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia or
9 made available to the Federated States of Micronesia
10 from other sources:

11 (1) All such funds shall remain in the custody and
12 control of the Secretary of Finance until they are
13 obligated and disbursed by him in accordance with law.

14 (2) Such funds shall be deemed to be obligated as of
15 the date the person or entity to whom the funds are
16 allotted enters into a legally binding written agreement
17 supported by the documentary evidence required by
18 section 219 of this chapter or rules and regulations

1 issued pursuant to authority vested by section 228 of
2 this chapter.

3 (3) The Secretary of Finance shall disburse such funds
4 as may be required to liquidate valid obligations within
5 30 days of their becoming payable, as indicated by valid
6 documentary evidence of such obligation and a valid
7 claim for payment, if required by the terms of the
8 document evidencing the obligation.

9 (4) *Fund Balances.*

10 (a) At least twice in each fiscal year, the
11 Secretary of Finance shall submit to the Congress of the
12 Federated States of Micronesia a list of all public
13 project accounts with a positive fund balance and, with
14 respect to each such account, the following information.

15 (i) an identification of the public law that
16 appropriated the funds in that project account;

17 (ii) an identification of the allottee for
18 such funds; and

19 (iii) the amount of funds initially
20 appropriated for that account, the total amount of
21 disbursements from the project account, and the amount
22 of funds remaining in the account.

23 (b) Such information shall be submitted to
24 Congress no later than May 1 of each year, reporting on
25 the status of project accounts as of March 31 of that
26 year, and no later than November 1 of each year,

1 reporting on the status of project accounts as of

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1 September 30 of that year.

2 (c) The information provided to Congress under
3 this subsection shall include a statement from the
4 Secretary of Finance, under oath, that said information
5 is true and accurate."

6 Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the
7 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
8 becoming law without such approval.

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