

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend title 40 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, by amending section 108 thereof, to include physical education programs among the criteria for accrediting elementary and secondary schools, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 108 of title 40 of the Code of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia is hereby amended to read as
3 follows:

4 Section 108. Accreditation of elementary and
5 secondary schools.

6 (1) Criteria for accreditation. Criteria for
7 accrediting elementary and secondary schools in the
8 Federated States of Micronesia shall be established
9 by the Secretary of the Department of Education in
10 cooperation and consultation with the State Directors
11 of Education, and shall include those factors
12 necessary to provide an adequate classroom
13 environment conducive to learning, including but not
14 limited to the following:

- 15 (a) Philosophy, goals and objectives;
16 (b) Organization;
17 (c) Staff and teachers;
18 (d) School plant and physical facilities;
19 (e) Library;

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- 1 (f) Student counseling services;
2 (g) Curricular program;
3 (h) Co-curricular program;
4 (i) Physical education program;
5 (j) Community and parent involvement;
6 ~~(j)~~(k) Finance;
7 ~~(k)~~(l) Student-teacher ratio; and
8 ~~(l)~~(m) Compliance with the minimum standards
9 established by and under this act.

10 (2) Accreditation committee. An accreditation
11 committee may be established by the Secretary to
12 evaluate elementary and secondary schools for
13 accreditation purposes.

14 (a) If established, this committee may be
15 temporary, intermittent, or standing.

16 (b) The accreditation committee shall recommend
17 to the Secretary whether a secondary school meets the
18 approved accreditation standards or not.

19 (c) A recommendation to issue a certificate of
20 accreditation will be made for those elementary and
21 secondary schools meeting the accreditation
22 standards.

23 (d) A recommendation for technical assistance
24 will be made for those elementary and secondary
25 schools not meeting the accreditation standards.

1 (3) Certificate of accreditation. The Secretary
2 shall issue a National Certificate of Accreditation
3 to respective elementary and secondary schools which
4 substantially comply with accreditation standards,
5 and which have a plan or program in effect to remedy
6 any defects or shortcomings within an agreed upon
7 period of time, based on appropriate recommendations
8 from the accreditation committee.

9 (4) National-State consultation. The Secretary
10 shall consult with the respective State Directors of
11 Education for appropriate technical assistance to be
12 provided by both National and State Governments to
13 the respective elementary and secondary schools based
14 on appropriate recommendations from the accreditation
15 committee.

16 (5) National Special Certificate of Achievement.
17 The Secretary shall issue a National Special
18 Certificate of Achievement to elementary and
19 secondary schools which comply with or exceed all FSM
20 accreditation standards.

21 (6) Contingency as incentive. In order to provide
22 an incentive for the improvement of schools, the
23 Secretary may make eligibility for certain categories
24 of scholarship and other funds contingent upon
25 obtaining certification or special certification, or

1 upon making timely measurable progress toward
2 obtaining certification."

3 Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the
4 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
5 becoming law without such approval.

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7 Date: 5/8/12

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