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Governor

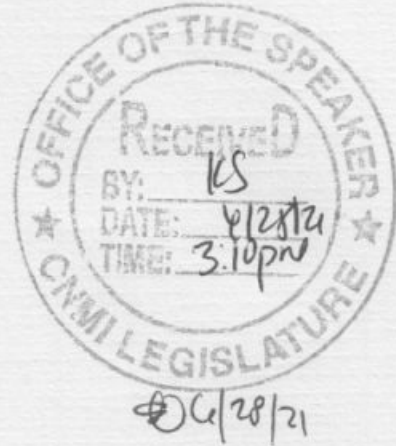
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Lieutenant Governor

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

25 JUN 2021

The Honorable Jude U. Hofschneider
President of the Senate
Twenty-Second Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Second Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950



Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **Senate Bill No. 22-21, HS1** entitled, ““To repeal and reenact 3 CMC § 1132 to clarify that the State Board of Education has the authority to establish and amend the minimum instructional time for PSS; and for other purposes.” which was passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 22-02**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor

cc: Lt. Governor; Press Secretary; Public School System; Attorney General; Law Revision Commission; Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review

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THE SENATE
TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE BILL NO. 22-21, HS1

AN ACT

To repeal and reenact 3 CMC § 1132 to clarify that the State Board of Education has the authority to establish and amend the minimum instructional time for PSS; and for other purposes.

SENATE ACTION

Offered by Senator(s): Jude U. Hofschneider

Date: February 10, 2021

Referred to: Health, Education, and Welfare

Standing Committee Report No.: 22-03 Adopted on 03/12/21

Final Reading: May 18, 2021 Accepted HS1

HOUSE ACTION

Referred to: Education Committee

Standing Committee Report No.: 22-1 Adopted on 04/23/21

First and Final Reading: April 23, 2021

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DOLORES S. BERMUDES
SENATE CLERK



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FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2021

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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS
 COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:**

1 **Section 1. Purpose.** The purpose of this legislation is to clarify that the State Board
 2 of Education has the authority to establish, maintain, amend or modify, as necessary, the
 3 instructional calendar or minimum instructional time for kindergarten, elementary school,
 4 middle school, and high school students at the Public School System in order to improve
 5 student overall performance and achievement.

6 **Section 2. Amendment.** 3 CMC § 1132 is repealed and reenacted to read as
 7 follows:

“§ 1132. School Calendar.

8 The Board shall establish and maintain within each school year an
 9 instructional calendar of no less than one hundred eighty (180) days of instruction
 10 for students from kindergarten through the twelfth (12th) grade, exclusive of
 11 weekends, holidays, and emergency school closings authorized by the
 12 Commissioner. Provided that the Board, in consultation with the Commissioner,
 13 may reduce the instructional calendar applicable to each school, in the event of an
 14 emergency declaration or natural disaster.”
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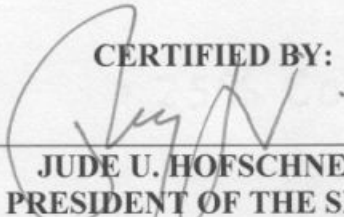
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1 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or the application of any such
2 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent
3 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or
4 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

5 **Section 4. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be
6 construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes
7 repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers
8 contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior
9 law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way
10 modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence on the date
11 this Act becomes effective.

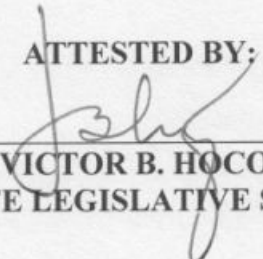
12 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the
13 Governor or becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:



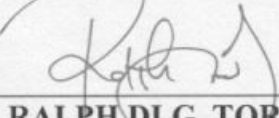
JUDE U. HOFSCHEIDER
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ATTESTED BY:



VICTOR B. HOCOG
SENATE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY

Approval this 25th day of June, 2021



RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands