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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



THE SENATE  
Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature  
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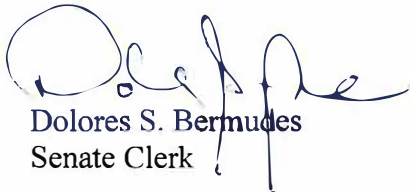
May 18, 2021

The Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres  
Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
Capital Hill  
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Torres:

I have the honor of transmitting herewith for your action 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.

Sincerely,

  
Dolores S. Bermudes  
Senate Clerk

Attachments

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**THE SENATE**  
**TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

**SENATE BILL NO. 22-21, HS1**

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**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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**SENATE CLERK**



**THE SENATE**  
 TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2021**

**S. B. NO. 22-21, HS1**

**AN ACT**

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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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**SENATE BILL NO. 22-21, HS1**

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:**

  
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**JUDE U. HOFSCHEIDER**  
**PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE**

**ATTESTED BY:**

  
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**VICTOR B. HOCO**  
**SENATE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY**

 this  day of , 2021

  
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**RALPH DLG. TORRES**  
**Governor**

**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands**