



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FIFTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST DAY, FOURTH REGULAR SESSION, 2007

H.L.I. No. 15-3, HD1

A HOUSE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE

To amend Article XV, Section 1(c) and (e) of the Constitution of the Northern Marianas Islands.

In the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Offered by Representatives: Justo S. Quitugua

Date: March 6, 2006

Referred to: Committee on Health, Education, and Welfare

Public Hearing: None

Standing Committee Report: 15-57

Passed First and Final Reading on May 16, 2007

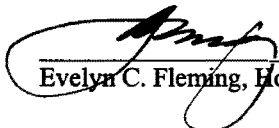
In the SENATE

Referred to: None

Public Hearing: None

Standing Committee Report: None

Passed Final Reading on August 16, 2007


Evelyn C. Fleming, House Clerk


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1 (e) The public elementary and secondary education system shall be guaranteed
2 an annual budget of not less than fifteen percent of the general revenues of the
3 Commonwealth through an annual appropriation. The budgetary appropriation may
4 not be reprogrammed for other purposes, and any unencumbered fund balance at the
5 end of a fiscal year shall be available for reappropriation."

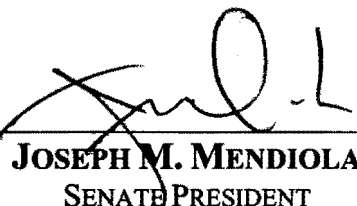
6 **Section 2. Adoption and Transmittal.** The Speaker of the House and the President
7 of the Senate shall certify, and the Clerks of the House and Senate shall attest to the passage
8 of this Legislative Initiative. The House Clerk shall then cause the Initiative to be transmitted
9 to the Governor and the Board of Elections. Pursuant to Article XVIII, Section 5 of the
10 Commonwealth Constitution, the Board shall place this Legislative Initiative, with the
11 Findings and Purpose section herein, before the people of the Commonwealth for ratification
12 vote in the next regular general election.

Passed by the House of Representatives on May 16, 2007 and the Senate on August 16, 2007, by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members in each house.

CERTIFIED BY:



OSCAR M. BABAUTA
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

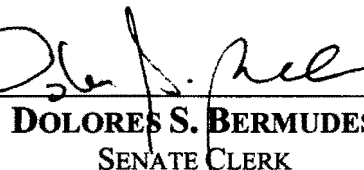


JOSEPH M. MENDIOLA
SENATE PRESIDENT

ATTESTED TO BY:



EVELYN C. FLEMING
HOUSE CLERK



DOLORES S. BERMUDES
SENATE CLERK