

FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION, 1998

AN ACT

To amend Section 2, 3 and 4 of P.L. 10-58 of the Teacher Education Program Scholarship to rename the program the Post Secondary Teacher Education Program; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE ELEVENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

Section 1. Findings. In order to create a healthier educational environment for both teacher and students, the Legislature finds that there exists a need to develop and ultimately hire more local teachers for the public school system.

Section 2. Amendments. Amend the section heading, introductory paragraph and subsections (c), (d), (g), and (h) of Public Law 10-58, Section 2 to read as follows:

"Section 2. Post Secondary Teacher Education Program Scholarships There is hereby established a Post Secondary Teacher Education Program for the purpose of awarding college scholarships in the amount up to twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) per year for a period of up to four (4) years to students who are pursuing a professional degree in teaching and who have met the following criteria:

c. are or will be a full time student enrolled in an accredited teacher training program at a college or university;

d. have signed a fully executed Post Secondary Teacher Education Program Scholarship Agreement, or successor agreement;

g. as a condition of continuing assistance, scholarship recipients must maintain full time enrollment including summer sessions in the college or university they attend;

h. as a condition of continuing assistance, scholarship recipients are required to submit a certified copy of their grades for each semester/quarter/summer session to the CNMI Scholarship Office."

Section 3. Amendment. Section 3 of Public Law 10-58 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"The Post Secondary Teacher Education Program and its scholarships shall be administered under the auspices and regulation of the CNMI Scholarship Office."

Section 4. Amendment. Section 4 of Public Law 10-58 is hereby amended to read as follows:
"The provisions of this Act shall expire six (6) years after the effective date of this Act."

Section 5. Severability. If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

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

Section 7. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect 90 days after its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Diego T. Benavente
DIEGO T. BENAVENTE
Speaker
House of Representatives

/s/ Evelyn C. Fleming
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House Clerk

Approved this 4th day of September, 1998

/s/ Pedro P. Tenorio
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Governor
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