

TWELFTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2000

Public Law 12-47
SENATE BILL
NO. 12-86, HD1

AN ACT

To amend 3 CMC Section 1316(P); and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE TWELFTH NORTHERN MARIANAS
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:**

Section 1. Short Title. This act may be cited as the “Postsecondary Education Amendment Act of 2000”.

Section 2. Findings and Purposes: The Legislature finds that:

- a) It is necessary for the board to establish both resident and nonresident tuition fee without constraint; and
- b) Existing authority of the board is limited to the establishment of nonresident tuition at not less than two times the fee for resident students. The purpose of this amendment is to empower the board to establish both resident and nonresident tuition fees determined by the board to be reasonable.

Section 3. Amendment. To amend 3 CMC, Section 1316(P) to read:

“(P) To set, charge and collect the tuition (resident and nonresident), fees, and other charges for college services and to deposit the same in the College General Fund. The tuition fee for resident and nonresident students shall be established and approved by the board. The Board shall adopt the necessary rules defining residence for tuition and fees herein; provided that the basic rules shall be that a student shall qualify for the resident tuition fee only if the adult student, or in the case of a minor student, the student’s parents or guardians, has been a bona fide

resident of this Commonwealth for at least twelve consecutive months next preceding the student's first day of officially scheduled instruction for any semester or term in which the student is enrolling at the College.”

Section 4. 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 5. 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herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repeaters 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 on the date this Act becomes effective.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:

ATTESTED TO BY:

/s/ _____

PAUL A. MANGLONA
President of the Senate

/s/ _____

JOAQUIN G. ADRIANO
Senate Legislative Secretary

Approved this 26th day of April, 2001

/s/ _____

PEDRO P. TENORIO
GOVERNOR
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands