

I Mina'Trentai Kuáttro Na Liheslaturan
BILL STATUS

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES	NOTES
159-34 (COR) As amended by the Committee on Education, Finance and Taxation; and further amended on the Floor.	Joe S. San Agustin William M. Castro Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.	AN ACT TO AMEND § 6102 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 6, DIVISION 2 OF TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXTENDING THE DUTY TO SEND CHILDREN TO SCHOOL FROM THE AGE OF SIXTEEN (16) YEARS TO THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS.	8/8/2017 11:05 a.m.	08/16/17	Committee on Education, Finance and Taxation	3/2/18 9:00 a.m.	4/20/18 10:47 a.m. As amended by the Committee on Education, Finance, and Taxation.	Fiscal Note Request 8/17/17 Fiscal Note 8/25/17	
	SESSION DATE	TITLE	DATE PASSED	TRANSMITTED	DUE DATE	PUBLIC LAW	DATE SIGNED	NOTES	
	5/21/18	AN ACT TO AMEND § 6102 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 6, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO RAISING THE AGE FROM SIXTEEN (16) TO EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OLD IN REFERENCE TO THE DUTY TO SEND CHILDREN TO SCHOOL.	5/23/18	5/24/2018 4:30 p.m.	6/5/18		34-104	6/5/2018	Received: 6/6/18 Mess and Comm. Doc. No. 34GL-18-1958.



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Dear Mr. Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 159-34 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND § 6102 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 6, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO RAISING THE AGE FROM SIXTEEN (16) TO EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OLD IN REFERENCE TO THE DUTY TO SEND CHILDREN TO SCHOOL," which was signed on June 5, 2018, as Public Law 34-104.

Senseramente,

RAY TENORIO

I Maga'låhen Guåhan, para pa'go
Acting Governor of Guam

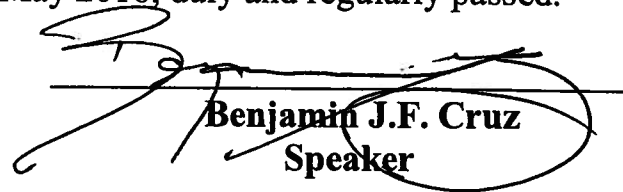
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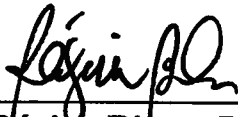
I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2018 (SECOND) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'LÁHEN GUÁHAN*

This is to certify that **Bill No. 159-34 (COR)**, “AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 6102 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 6, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO RAISING THE AGE FROM SIXTEEN (16) TO EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OLD IN REFERENCE TO THE DUTY TO SEND CHILDREN TO SCHOOL,” was on the 23rd day of May 2018, duly and regularly passed.



Benjamin J.F. Cruz
Speaker

Attested:



Régine Biscoe Lee
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'láhen Guáhan* this 24 day of May 2018,
at 4:30 o'clock P.M.



Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'láhi's Office

APPROVED:



RAYMOND S. TENORIO
Acting Governor of Guam

Date: JUN. 05 2018

Public Law No. 34-104

I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2017 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 159-34 (COR)

As amended by the Committee on Education,
Finance and Taxation; and further amended on the Floor.

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**AN ACT TO AMEND § 6102 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 6,
TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO
RAISING THE AGE FROM SIXTEEN (16) TO
EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OLD IN REFERENCE TO THE
DUTY TO SEND CHILDREN TO SCHOOL.**

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that while the high school program of the Guam Department of Education provides
4 education to students up through the age of eighteen (18), and beyond if the student
5 is in need of special education, there is no duty in Guam law for parents, guardians
6 or other persons having control or charge of a child to send that child to school until
7 the age of eighteen (18) years. The law allows a child to leave school at the age of

1 sixteen (16) years, although there is no opportunity for a child at that age to obtain
2 employment or engage in another worthy activity. Also, cutting short a child's
3 educational program shortchanges that child's future and in all likelihood leaves him
4 or her without the necessary skills to contribute meaningfully to society over the
5 long term. Since a sixteen (16) year old is a minor, and under the jurisdiction of a
6 parent, guardian, or other person having control of the minor, it is proper for the duty
7 to send a child to school be raised to the age of eighteen (18) to be imposed on the
8 parent, guardian, or other person having control of the minor.

9 **Section 2.** § 6102 of Article 1, Chapter 6, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated,
10 is *amended* to read:

11 **“§ 6102. Duty to Send Children to School.**

12 Any parent, guardian or other person having control or charge of any
13 child who is *at least* five (5) years of age and has *not* reached the age of
14 eighteen (18) years, *not* exempted under the provisions of this Article, *shall*
15 send the child to a public or private full-time day school for the full-time of
16 which such schools are in session, *except* that the starting date of school for
17 children five (5) years of age *shall* be determined by the provisions of §§ 6103
18 and 6107 of this Article. A student is exempted from the upper age
19 requirement if the student graduates or obtains a General Educational
20 Development (GED), prior to eighteen (18) years of age. The Superintendent
21 is authorized to establish attendance areas. Any parent, guardian, or other
22 person having control or charge of any such child who is at least five (5) years
23 of age, and has not reached the age of eighteen (18) years, who fails to comply
24 with the provisions of this Section, *unless* excused or exempted therefrom, is
25 guilty of a violation for the first offense, and subject to perform one hundred
26 (100) hours of community service at the school of the student. For each
27 subsequent offense, the person is guilty of a petty misdemeanor.”