A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend Public Law No. 10-24, as amended by Public Law No. 10-32, by amending section 16, for the purpose of requiring that Chuuk's share of $411,716 so appropriated in subsection (3) of section 10 thereof for post-secondary educational assistance be reviewed and awarded by a committee within the National Department of Education, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

Section 1. Section 16 of Public Law No. 10-24 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 16. Allotment and management of funds and lapse date. All funds appropriated by this act shall be allotted, managed, administered, and accounted for in accordance with applicable law, including, but not limited to, the Financial Management Act of 1979; PROVIDED, however, that the allottee of the funds under section 7 of this act shall be the Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Communication; and PROVIDED FURTHER that the funds appropriated to Chuuk State under subsection (3) of section 10 of this act shall be retained in the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia until a scholarship recipient is identified to the President or the President's designee by a review and award committee of 5 members which is hereby created within the Department of Education, who shall be appointed by the Secretary thereof and be legal residents of Chuuk State, at which time scholarship funds in the amount of the scholarship award shall be disbursed directly to the educational institution in the form of a two-party check payable to both the scholarship recipient and the educational institution he or she
is attending; and PROVIDED FURTHER, that the allottee of the funds appropriated under subsection (2)(m)(ii) of section 11 of this act shall be Micronesian Legal Services Corporation; and PROVIDED FURTHER, that the allottees for the funds appropriated under subsection (2)(o) of section 11 of this act shall be the Governors of the respective States, and no funds appropriated under subsection (2)(o) of section 11 of this act shall be disbursed from the General Fund to the allottees unless the President certifies that the State involved has entered into a joint law enforcement agreement for the period of October 1, 1997, to September 30, 1998, with the National Government pursuant to chapter 12 of title 12 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia; and PROVIDED FURTHER, that the allottees for the funds appropriated under subsection (2)(s) of section 11 of this act shall be the Chief Justices of the respective States; and PROVIDED FURTHER, that the allottee of the funds appropriated under subsection (2)(ii) of section 11 of this act shall be the President of the College of Micronesia - FSM, who shall not authorize release of funds to be used on behalf of a student until the President is satisfied that the student has
exhausted all other sources of financial assistance;
and PROVIDED FURTHER, that the allottee of the funds
appropriated under subsection (1) of section 13
shall be the Director of the Office of
Administrative Services. Each allottee shall be
responsible for ensuring that these funds, or so
much thereof as may be necessary, are used solely
for the purpose specified in this act, and that no
obligations are incurred in excess of the sum
appropriated. The authority of the allottees to
oblige funds appropriated by this act shall lapse
as of September 30, 1998; PROVIDED, however, that
the authority of the allottees to obligate funds
appropriated by sections 7, 9, 10, 11(2)(ff) and 13
shall not lapse."

Section 2. The review and award committee created in
this act for Chuuk State's scholarship funds as appropriated
under subsection (3) of section 10 of Public Law No. 10-24
shall be appointed, constituted and become operational within
15 days of the effective date of this act and shall have such
powers and duties as the Secretary of the Department of
Education deems necessary for the effective implementation of
the intent and purpose of Chuuk's post-secondary educational
scholarship. Any remaining balance of the amount appropriated
in Public Law No. 10-24, section 10(3), as of the date this act
1 becomes law shall be withheld in the General Fund of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia for administration and award by
3 the committee created herein. Scholarship awards shall be made
4 only to legal residents of Chuuk State and based solely on
5 academic merits or performances and the priority of the field
6 of study in which the student is enrolled.
7 Section 3. This act shall become law upon approval by
8 the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
9 becoming law without such approval.

Date: 06/06/92

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