
AN ACT

To establish the Federated States of Micronesia Board of Education, to authorize funds therefor, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Definitions. As used herein, unless otherwise indicated
2 by the context:

3 (1) "Board" means the Federated States of Micronesia Board of
4 Education.

5 (2) "President" means the President of the Federated States of
6 Micronesia.

7 (3) "Secretary of Social Services" means the Secretary of the
8 Department of Social Services of the Federated States of Micronesia.

9 (4) "Chief of Education" means the Chief of the Division of
10 Education within the Department of Social Services of the Federated States
11 of Micronesia.

12 Section 2. Declaration of Policy and Purpose. It is hereby declared
13 and found to be the policy of the government of the Federated States of
14 Micronesia to encourage and provide for an educational system within the
15 Federated States which shall enable the citizens and residents thereof to
16 fully participate in the progress and development of the Federated States
17 and to become familiar with the Pacific community and the world. To this
18 end the purpose of education in the Federated States of Micronesia shall be
19 to develop its human resources politically, socially, vocationally, and
20 professionally; to unify the peoples of the Federated States; and to provide
21 an education relevant to the economy, government, social customs, peoples
22 and histories of the islands.

1 Section 3. Federated States of Micronesia Board of Education. There
2 is hereby established a Federated States of Micronesia Board of Education
3 which shall consist of five members. There shall be one member from each
4 State of the Federated States of Micronesia. The Chief of Education shall
5 also be a member and shall be executive officer of the Board. The Chief of
6 Education shall have no vote except in the event of a tie, in which case he
7 shall cast the tie breaking vote. The State members of the Board shall be
8 appointed by the President after discussion and consultation with the
9 Governor of each State, and with the advice and consent of the Congress of
10 the Federated States of Micronesia.

11 Section 4. Tenure of Board Members.

12 (1) Except for the Chief of Education, the members of the Board
13 shall serve for three years; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that when the Board is first
14 appointed, two members shall serve for a term of two years, and two for a
15 term of three years from the date of their appointment.

16 (2) The terms of the respective members shall be determined by
17 drawing lots at the initial meeting of the Board. Vacancies shall be filled
18 for unexpired terms by appointment by the President after discussion and
19 consultation with the Governor of the State where the member creating the
20 vacancy is from, and with the advice and consent of the Congress of the
21 Federated States of Micronesia.

22 Section 5. Organization and Meetings. The Board shall by majority
23 vote elect from among its members a Chairman who shall serve for such term
24 as may be prescribed by the Board, except that the Chief of Education shall
25 not be elected Chairman. In the event of absence or disability of the

1 Chairman, the Board may designate another member to preside during the
2 meeting. Three members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. The Board
3 shall meet at such times and places as it may designate but not less than
4 twice each year. The members shall be notified of meetings by the Chief of
5 Education in writing at least two weeks before the date of any meeting.

6 Section 6. Expenses and Compensation of Board Members. Members of the
7 Board shall be entitled to necessary travel expenses and to per diem at
8 standard Federated States of Micronesia rates, while on the business of the
9 Board. Board members who are neither employees nor officials of the National
10 Government of the Federated States of Micronesia or any state government
11 shall, in addition, be paid \$30.00 per day while on the business of the Board.
12 If a member of the Board is concurrently employed in another post in the
13 Federated States of Micronesia National Government, he shall be granted leave
14 to attend the business of the Board, and shall receive his regular salary
15 while on the business of the Board.

16 Section 7. Duties and Functions of the Board. The Board's duties and
17 functions shall be to act in an advisory capacity to the National Government
18 of the Federated States of Micronesia with respect to national functions in
19 the field of education. Recognizing the purposes and responsibilities of the
20 State Boards of Education and the educational needs and goals of the National
21 and State Governments, the Board shall advise and assist the National
22 Government of the Federated States of Micronesia as follows:

23 (1) In formulating and defining educational objectives and
24 policies in the Federated States of Micronesia;

25 (2) In establishing minimum uniform nationwide standards for

1 curricula, textbooks, the certification of teachers and schools, and other
2 educational matters of national concern;

3 (3) In coordinating national programs of education throughout
4 the Federated States of Micronesia;

5 (4) In evaluating past and current educational expenditures
6 and in recommending education budgets to the President;

7 (5) In the formulation of rules and regulations to implement
8 the provisions of this act; and

9 (6) In such other educational matters as may be assigned to it
10 by the President, Secretary of Social Services, Chief of Education, or by
11 law.

12 Section 8. Authorization. The sum of \$10,000 is hereby authorized
13 for appropriation from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micro-
14 nesia for Fiscal Year 1981 for the purpose of defraying the operating
15 and contingent expenses of the Board.

16 Section 9. Rules and Regulations. The Secretary of Social Services,
17 upon approval of the President, is hereby authorized to issue and promul-
18 gate rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this act, which
19 rules and regulations shall have the force and effect of law.

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1 Section 10. This act shall become law upon approval by the President
2 or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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President
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