A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend sections 303 of title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended by Public Laws Nos. 18-12, 18-25, 18-57 and 23-30, to further modify the distribution formula for Compact funds to allow the National Government 8% share of the distribution in accordance with the recommendation by the Chief Executive Council plus Presiding Officers meeting in Yap, and for other purposes.

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

- 1 Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this act is to amend the
- 2 distribution formula enacted by Public Law No. 23-30 in order to
- 3 align with the resolution adopted by consensus of the Chief
- 4 Executive Council plus Presiding Officers of the FSM Congress and
- 5 the States Legislatures (CEC + Pos) at the September 2023 meeting
- 6 in Yap. The CEC + Pos agreed by consensus to recommend 8% share
- 7 of the National Government from Compact funds.
- 8 Section 2. Section 303 of Title 55 of the Code of the
- 9 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended by Public
- 10 Laws Nos. 18-12, 18-25, 18-57 and 23-30, is hereby further
- 11 amended, to read as follows:
- 12 "Section 303. Division of Compact Funds among National and
- 13 State Governments.
- 14 (1) The Compact Budget Requests for Fiscal Years 2005
- and 2006 of the National Government and of each State
- 16 Government under section 305 of this chapter shall be based
- 17 upon a division of Compact funds in the following

1 proportions: 2 Chuuk 38.57% 11.06 3 Kosrae 25.69 4 Pohnpei 5 Yap 16.03 National Government 6 8.65

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- (2) For Fiscal Years 2007 to 2013, the chief executives of the National Government and each of the State Governments shall have the authority to enter, from time to time, into one or more agreements setting forth the proportionate amounts of Compact funds that shall be the basis of each Government's Compact Budget Request under sections 305 and 306 of this chapter, provided that the National Government's proportionate amount of Compact funds for each Fiscal Year shall be ten percent (10%) of the estimated level of Compact funding for that year. agreement regarding the division of Compact funds, other than the National Government's ten percent (10%) share, may be limited to a specified period of time and shall only be effective when signed by the chief executive of each and every Government.
- (3) The Compact Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2014 of the National Government and of each State Government under section 305 of this chapter shall be based upon a division of Compact funds in the following proportions, except for

Supplemental Education Grants under section 105 of the 1 2 Amended Compact: Chuuk 40.11% 3 11.50 4 Kosrae 5 Pohnpei 26.72 16.67 6 Yap National Government 5.00 7 8 (4) The Compact Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2015 9 to 2023 of the National Government and of each State 10 Government under section 305 of this chapter shall be based 11 on a division of Compact funds in the following proportions, 12 except Supplemental Education Grants under section 105 of the Amended Compact: 13 42.22% 14 Chuuk 12.10 15 Kosrae 16 Pohnpei 28.13 17 17.55 Yap 0.00 18 National Government 19 The above formula applies after JEMCO funds the College of 20 Micronesia. 21 For Fiscal Years 2016 to 2023, the chief (5) executives of the National Government and each of the State 22 23 Governments shall have the authority to enter, from time to 24 time, into one or more agreements setting forth the 25 proportionate amounts of Compact funds that shall be the

basis of each Government's Compact Budget Request under 1 sections 305 and 306 of this chapter, provided that the National Government's proportionate amount of Compact funds for each Fiscal Year, after funding the College of Micronesia, shall be zero percent (0%) of the estimated level of Compact funding for that year, excepting Supplemental Education Grants under Section 105 of the Amended Compact. 7 An agreement regarding the division of Compact funds, other than the National Government's zero percent (0%) share, may 10 be limited to a specified period of time and shall only be effective when signed by the chief executive of each and every Government.

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(6) The Compact Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2024 and thereafter of the National Government and each State Government under section 305 of this chapter shall be based on the division of Compact funds in the following proportions:

18	Chuuk[38.00]	38.82
19	Kosrae [10.89]	11.10
20	Pohnpei [25.31]	25.83
21	Yap [15.80]	<u>16.15</u>
22	National Government[10.00]	8.00

The above formula applies after JEMCO funds the College of Micronesia (hereinafter "COM Funding"); COM Funding includes all funding received by the College of

1 Micronesia - FSM under the Education Compact Grant 2 pursuant to the 2023 Amended Compact, including funds 3 previously received under the Supplemental Education 4 Grant under Section 105 of the Amended Compact." 5 (7) For Fiscal Years 2024 and thereafter, the chief 6 executives of the National Government and each of the 7 State Governments shall have the authority to enter into one or more agreements setting forth the proportionate 8 9 amounts of Compact funds that shall be the basis of each 10 Government's Compact Budget Request under sections 305 11 and 306 of this chapter, provided that the National 12 Government's proportionate amount of Compact funds for each fiscal year, after funding the College of 13 14 Micronesia (COM funding), shall be 8% of the estimated 15 level of Compact funding for the year. An agreement 16 under this paragraph may be limited to a specified 17 period of time and shall only be effective when signed by the chief executive of each and every government." 18 19 Section 3. This act shall become law upon approval by the 20 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its 21 becoming law without such approval.

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23 Date: 1/8/24 Introduced by: /s/ Quincy Lawrence Quincy Lawrence 24

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