A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend title 40 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 6-30, 6-44 and 6-45, by amending section 242 to raise the National minimum age requirement for school attendance, to allow States to set higher standards for school attendance, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Section 242 of title 40 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 242. Attendance.

(1) Attendance at a public or nonpublic school shall be required of all children between the ages of eight and fourteen inclusive, or until graduation from the eighth grade, unless:

(a) excluded from school; or

(b) excepted from attendance by the appropriate State director of education; or

(c) the State where the children attend school has set a State standard requiring children to attend school an additional length of time.

States may go beyond the National minimum standard and set State standards requiring all children to begin school as young as the age of six years old, and/or to attend school until the age of sixteen years old.

For the purpose of beginning school, children shall be admitted at the beginning of a school year if they have attained the age of eight, or the age for mandatory school attendance established by the State in which they reside, on or before September 30th of the year involved.

(2) Any parent, guardian, and other person having the responsibility for or care of a child whose...
attendance at school is obligatory shall send the child to school. Any parent, guardian, or other person who permits a child under his or her control to be absent from school without good cause and in violation of applicable law or regulations shall be guilty of a violation of this section and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than ten dollars per offense, or imprisoned not more than one month per offense, or both."

Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Date: 1/3/93

Introduced by: [Signature]

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