
A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend section 108 of title 40 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as authorized by Public Law No. 18-96, to include physical education programs among the criteria for accrediting elementary and secondary schools, to make technical amendments, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 108 of title 40 of the Code of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as authorized by Public
3 Law No. 18-96, is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 "Section 108. Accreditation of elementary and secondary
5 schools.

6 (1) Criteria for accreditation. Criteria for
7 accrediting elementary and secondary schools in the
8 Federated States of Micronesia shall be established by
9 the Secretary of the Department of Education in
10 cooperation and consultation with the State Directors of
11 Education, and shall include those factors necessary to
12 provide an adequate classroom environment conducive to
13 learning, including but not limited to the following:

14 (a) Philosophy, goals and objectives;

15 (b) Organization;

16 (c) Staff and teachers;

17 (d) School [~~plant~~] plan and physical

18 facilities;

- 1 (e) Library;
- 2 (f) Student counseling services;
- 3 (g) Curricular program;
- 4 (h) Co-curricular program;
- 5 (i) Physical [e]Education program
- 6 (j) Community and parent involvement;
- 7 [~~j~~](k) Finance;
- 8 [~~k~~](l) Student-teacher ratio; and
- 9 [~~l~~](m) Compliance with the minimum standards
- 10 established by and under this act.

11 (2) Accreditation [e]Committee. An

12 accreditation committee may be established by the

13 Secretary to evaluate elementary and secondary schools

14 for accreditation purposes.

15 (a) If established, this committee may be

16 temporary, intermittent, or standing.

17 (b) The [~~a~~]Accreditation [e]Committee shall

18 recommend to the Secretary whether a secondary school

19 meets the approved accreditation standards or not.

20 (c) A recommendation to issue a

21 certification of accreditation standards or not.

22 (d) A recommendation for technical

23 assistance will be made for those elementary and

24 secondary schools not meeting the accreditation

25 standards.

1 (3) Certificate of accreditation. The Secretary
2 shall issue a National Certification of Accreditation to
3 respective elementary and secondary schools which
4 substantially comply with accreditation standards, and
5 which have a plan or program in effect to remedy any
6 defects or shortcomings within an agreed upon period of
7 time, based on appropriate recommendations from the
8 [a]Accreditation [e]Committee.

9 (4) National-State consultation. The Secretary
10 shall consult with the respective State Directors of
11 Education for appropriate technical assistance to be
12 provided by both National and State Governments to the
13 respective elementary and secondary schools based on
14 appropriated recommendations from the [a]Accreditation
15 [e]Committee.

16 (5) National Special Certificate of Achievement.
17 The Secretary shall issue a National Special Certificate
18 of Achievement to elementary and secondary schools which
19 comply with or exceed all FSM Accreditation standards.

20 (6) Contingency as incentive. In order to
21 provide an incentive for the improvement of schools, the
22 Secretary may make eligibility for certain categories of
23 scholarship and other funds contingent upon obtaining
24 certification or special certification, or upon making
25 timely measurable progress toward obtaining

1 certification.”

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

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6 Date: 5/14/15

Introduced by: /s/ Berney Martin
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