



The President
Palikir, Pohnpei
Federated States of Micronesia

PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 19-359
FSM CONGRESS

June 6, 2016

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker
Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941


Dear Speaker Simina:

I am transmitting the following Congressional Act, which I have signed to become Public Law No. 19-90:

Congressional Act No. 19-85: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 40 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), AS AUTHORIZED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 18-86, BY CREATING A NEW SUB-CHAPTER VIII UNDER CHAPTER 3, TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP BOARD, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

I wish to express appreciation for the efforts of the 19th Congress in passing the act. I also wish to remind Congress that in view of the importance of the duties and responsibilities vested upon the scholarship board, public funds are needed to support its operation. Therefore, I will be seeking Congressional support for a budget of the Scholarship Board in due course.

Sincerely,


Peter M. Christian
President

Enclosures:

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Secretary, Department of Justice
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May 26, 2016



His Excellency Peter M. Christian
President
Federated States of Micronesia
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Dear President Christian:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 19-85, "AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 40 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), AS AUTHORIZED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 18-86, BY CREATING A NEW SUB-CHAPTER VIII UNDER CHAPTER 3, TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP BOARD, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 2016, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk, Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

Enclosures



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ACT NO. 19-85

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 19-03, C.D.1)

We hereby certify that on May 23 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 2016, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required under article IX, section 20, of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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Wesley W. Simina
Speaker
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Liwiana Ramon Ioanis".

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

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AN ACT

To amend title 40 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as authorized by Public Law No. 18-86, by creating a new sub-chapter VIII under chapter 3, to establish a national scholarship board, 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
3 Public Law No. 18-96, is hereby amended, by adding a new sub-
4 chapter VIII under Chapter 3, entitled: "National Scholarship
5 Board".

6 Section 2. Title 40 of the Code of the Federated States of
7 Micronesia (Annotated), as authorized by Public Law No. 18-96, is
8 hereby amended by adding a new section 390 under subchapter VIII
9 of chapter 3, to read as follows:

10 "Section 390. Establishment of Scholarship Board. The
11 National Scholarship Board of the Federated States of
12 Micronesia is hereby established, and will hereinafter
13 be referred to as "the Scholarship Board."

14 Section 3. Title 40 of the Code of the Federated States of
15 Micronesia (Annotated), as authorized by Public Law No. 18-96, is
16 hereby amended by adding a new section 391 under subchapter VIII
17 of chapter 3, to read as follows:

18 "Section 391. Powers and responsibilities of the

1 Scholarship Board.

2 The Scholarship Board has the following powers and
3 responsibilities:

4 (1) to operate as a the sole authority to make post-
5 secondary scholarships, financial aid and grant awards
6 from national appropriations designated for that
7 purpose;

8 (2) to develop detailed guidelines and regulations
9 regarding the applications, evaluations, awards and
10 monitoring process for post-secondary scholarships,
11 financial aid and grant awards from the National
12 Government, these guidelines and regulations shall
13 include, but not be limited to: eligibility
14 requirements, basis of award guidelines, priority and
15 award class guidelines, priority areas of study, timing
16 for applications and financial disbursements;

17 (3) to operate and manage the evaluations, awards and
18 monitoring of scholarships, financial aid and grant
19 awards based on regulations it has developed, to provide
20 for an unbiased, merit based awards system;

21 (4) to plan for the expansion and improvement of the
22 services and awards provided through the Scholarship
23 Board;

24 (5) to coordinate with the State and Municipal
25 Governments regarding awards of post-secondary

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1 scholarships, financial aid and grants;

2 (6) to promote the education and training of students
3 in post-secondary programs;

4 (7) to ensure that proper and complete books of
5 accounts reflecting all expenses, liabilities and post-
6 secondary awards for scholarships, financial aid and
7 grants are prepared."

8 Section 4. Title 40 of the Code of the Federated States of
9 Micronesia (Annotated), as authorized by Public Law No. 18-96, is
10 hereby amended by adding a new section 392 under subchapter VII of
11 chapter 3, to read as follows:

12 "Section 392. Composition of the Scholarship Board.
13 The Scholarship Board shall be composed of five voting
14 members nominated by the President and confirmed by the
15 Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to
16 operate the Scholarship Board authorized by this
17 subtitle. One member shall represent the National
18 Government, and one member each for each of the four
19 states. For nominations for the members representing
20 the states the President shall make that nomination only
21 after consultation with that state's Governor. Members
22 shall serve a three-year terms. Any vacancies on the
23 Board shall be filled for the unexpected term only.
24 Where a vacancy is for one year or less, it shall be
25 filled by the appointment of the President, otherwise

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1 vacancies shall be filled by nomination by the President
2 and confirmation by Congress."

3 Section 5. Title 40 of the Code of the Federated States of
4 Micronesia (Annotated), as authorized by Public Law No. 18-96, is
5 hereby amended by adding a new section 393 under subtitle VIII of
6 chapter 3, to read as follows:

7 "Section 393. Regular meetings of the Scholarship
8 Board. Regular meetings shall be held not less than
9 four times per calendar year, at such times and places
10 as shall be determined by the Scholarship Board."

11 Section 6. Title 40 of the Code of the Federated States of
12 Micronesia (Annotated), as authorized by Public Law No. 18-96, is
13 hereby amended by adding a new section 394 under subchapter VIII
14 of chapter 3, to read as follows:

15 "Section 394. Quorum of the Scholarship Board. A
16 quorum of all regular business of the Scholarship Board
17 shall be three members."

18 Section 7. Title 40 of the Code of the Federated States of
19 Micronesia (Annotated), as authorized by Public Law No. 18-96, is
20 hereby amended by adding a new section 395 under subchapter VIII
21 of chapter 3, to read as follows:

22 "Section 395. Record of meetings of the Scholarship
23 Board. Full and accurate minutes of all meetings shall
24 be kept, including any documents and evaluations that
25 form the basis of awards of the post-secondary

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1 scholarships, financial aid and grants.”

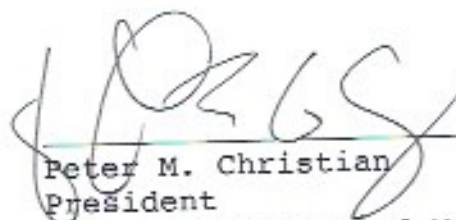
2 Section 8. Title 40 of the Code of the Federated States of
3 Micronesia (Annotated), as authorized by Public Law No. 18-96, is
4 hereby amended by adding a new section 396 under subchapter VIII
5 of chapter 3, to read as follows:

6 “Section 396. Compensation of members of the
7 Scholarship Board. Members of the Scholarship Board
8 shall serve without compensation, but be entitled to
9 receive travel cost and per diem at the National
10 Government rates when attending board meetings or
11 engaged in the performance of duties authorized by the
12 Scholarship Board.”

13 Section 9. This act shall become law upon approval by the
14 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
15 becoming law without such approval.

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June 6th, 2016


Peter M. Christian
President
Federated States of Micronesia