

AN ACT

To establish an autonomous Chuk State Scholarship Board, to provide for the specific duties and functions of the Scholarship Board, its policies and procedures for expenditures, control and accountability of the Board, to repeal Chapter 3 of Title 15 of the Truk District Code, and all amendments thereto in their entirety, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CHUK STATE LEGISLATURE:

1 Section 1. Title. This Act may be known and cited
2 as the Chuk State Scholarship Board Act of 1991.

3 Section 2. Creation of Board; Composition; Terms.

4 There is hereby established an autonomous Chuk State

5 Scholarship Board which shall consist of five members,

6 one from each of the 5 Senatorial Regions, who shall be

7 appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent

8 of the Senate. All members of the Board shall serve for

9 a term of three years. The Board shall elect from among

10 its members a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and a Secretary.

11 The Chairman shall ordinarily preside at meetings of the

12 Board, or in his absence, the Vice Chairman shall preside

13 or in the absence of both, Secretary shall preside. Mem-

14 bers of the Board may be removed from the Board for in-

15 competence, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office by

16 a three-fourth vote of all members of the Board. The

17 Governor, with the concurrence of the House of Representa-

18 tives, may also remove members of the Board for incompe-

19 tency neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office.

20 Section 3. Duties and Functions. The Scholarship

21 Board shall have the power to select qualified recipients

22 to receive grants under this Act and other scholarship

1 grants from any source, and shall exercise the following
2 duties and responsibilities:

3 (a) to receive and review all applications
4 for scholarship grants and determine the amount
5 of the awards;

6 (b) to ensure that selection of awards is
7 based on the field of study priorities as determined
8 by the Scholarship Board;

9 (c) to determine whether after a grant has
10 been awarded, the recipient shall continue to
11 receive the assistance grant in the amount necessary
12 to complete the educational or vocational program
13 for which the scholarship fund was awarded, or
14 whether the assistance grant shall be discontinued

15 in the event the recipient fails to maintain
16 good standing in the program;

17 (d) to ensure that scholarships are awarded
18 to those Chukese students who graduated from high
19 schools, both public and private, with commending
20 academic records, displaying good behavior and
21 manner, and showing serious efforts toward main-
22 taining good academic achievement; and

23 (e) the Board shall have the power to promul-
24 gate written rules and regulations for the efficient
25 implementation of this Act.

26 Section 4. Quorum and Meetings.

27 (a) A quorum of all regular and special

1 meetings and business of the Scholarship Board
 2 shall be three members. Regular and special
 3 meetings shall be called by the chairman on his
 4 own initiative or be held at such time and in
 5 such place upon majority vote of members of the
 6 Board. The Student Services Coordinator shall
 7 keep full and accurate minutes of all meetings and
 8 actions of the Board, which shall be made available
 9 for public inspection;

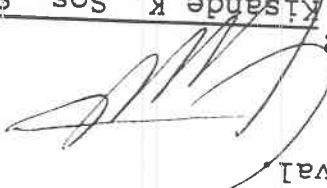
10 (b) The State Student Services Coordinator
 11 shall provide administrative services to the
 12 Board and shall perform such duties and tasks as
 13 assigned by the Board. He or the Acting Student
 14 Services Coordinator during his absence shall
 15 attend meetings of the Board but has no voting
 16 right.

17 Section 5. Award and Payment of Financial Aid.
 18 The Scholarship Board shall award scholarship funds or
 19 loans in the field of study as the Scholarship Board may
 20 determine to be vital to the economic, social, and
 21 political development of the State of Chuk. The amount
 22 of awards or loans shall be determined by the Board in
 23 accordance with the need for the manpower skills in the
 24 State, and the availability of finance resources, taking
 25 into consideration costs of tuition, books, materials,
 26 travel, room and board, academic performances and other
 27 living expenses for a full-time student. The Board shall

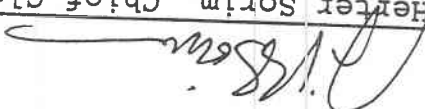
1 determine the amount and method of repayment of sums
 2 awarded to said recipient if recipient fails to faith-
 3 full fulfill the sole purpose of the scholarship provided
 4 under this Act.
 5 Section 6. Expenditures of Funds. The scholarship
 6 funds shall be expended in accordance with the appropriate
 7 law, the conditions of the scholarship fund, the state
 8 Financial Management Act, and relevant laws of the state.
 9 Section 7. Severability. If any provision of this
 10 Act, or the application thereof, is held invalid, such
 11 holding shall not affect other provisions or applications,
 12 and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.
 13 Section 8. Repeal. Chapter 3 of Title 15 of Truk
 14 District Code, and all amendments thereto are hereby
 15 repealed in their entireties.
 16 Section 9. Office Staff. There is hereby created
 17 a Chuuk State Scholarship Office under management of the
 18 Board. The Staff of the Student Services Office within
 19 the Department of Education are the staff of the
 20 State Scholarship Office which includes the followings:
 21 1) Student Services Coordinator;
 22 2) Assistant Student Services Coordinator; and
 23 3) Secretary.
 24 The functions, duties, rights, salaries and benefits, of
 25 the Student Services Office within the Department of
 26 Education are hereby assumed by the Chuuk State Scholar-
 27 ship Office established by Section 2 of this Act. The
 28 Board may hire and may remove any employee thereof for
 29 good cause, and in accordance with the Public Services
 30 System Act.

1 Section 10. Authorization for Appropriation. The sum of \$50,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to be appropriated from the general Fund of the State for the Scholarship Office and the Board. The amount authorized shall be appropriated in the fiscal year ending September 30, 1992.


2 Section 11. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon approval by the Governor, or upon its becoming law without such approval.

11 Signed by:  Kisande K. Sos, Speaker House of Representatives Chuk State Legislature

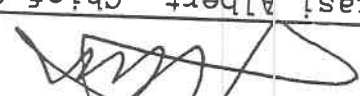
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14  Herter Sorim, Chief Clerk House of Representatives Chuk State Legislature

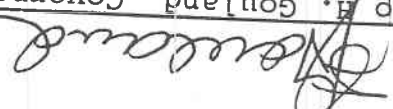
15 Date: March 20, 1991

17 Signed by:  Ira E. Akapito, President Senate Chuk State Legislature

18 Attested:

20  Datsai Albert, Chief Clerk Senate Chuk State Legislature

21 Date: March 22, 1991

23 Approved by:  Sasao H. Gouland, Governor Chuk State Government

24 Date: 3/25/91

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