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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:

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

3 "Section 242. Attendance.

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

8 (a) excluded from school; ~~or~~

9 (b) excepted from attendance by the ~~district~~
10 appropriate State director of education; or

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

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

18 For the purpose of beginning school, ~~a child~~ children shall
19 be admitted at the beginning of a school year if ~~he has~~
20 they have attained the age of ~~six~~ eight, or the age for
21 mandatory school attendance established by the State in
22 which they reside, on or before September 30th of the year
23 involved.

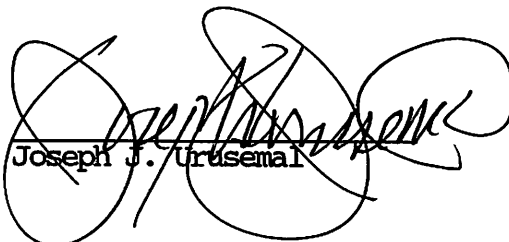
24 (2) Any parent, guardian, and other person having the
25 responsibility for or care of ~~a child~~ children whose

1 attendance at school is obligatory shall send the ~~child~~
2 children to school. Any parent, guardian, or other person
3 who permits a child ~~who~~ is under his or her
4 control to be absent from school without good cause and in
5 violation of applicable law or regulations shall be guilty
6 of a violation of this section and, upon conviction, shall
7 be fined not more than ten dollars per offense, or
8 imprisoned not more than one month per offense, or both."

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

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13 Date: 10/13/93

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