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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend Public Law No. 10-24, as amended by Public Law No. 10-32, by amending section 16, for the purpose of requiring that Chuuk's share of \$411,716 so appropriated in subsection (3) of section 10 thereof for post-secondary educational assistance be reviewed and awarded by a committee within the National Department of Education, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 16 of Public Law No. 10-24 is hereby  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "Section 16. Allotment and management of funds and  
4 lapse date. All funds appropriated by this act  
5 shall be allotted, managed, administered, and  
6 accounted for in accordance with applicable law,  
7 including, but not limited to, the Financial  
8 Management Act of 1979; PROVIDED, however, that the  
9 allottee of the funds under section 7 of this act  
10 shall be the Secretary of the Department of  
11 Transportation and Communication; and PROVIDED  
12 FURTHER that the funds appropriated to Chuuk State  
13 under subsection (3) of section 10 of this act shall  
14 be retained in the General Fund of the Federated  
15 States of Micronesia until a scholarship recipient  
16 is identified to the President or the President's  
17 designee by a review and award committee of 5  
18 members which is hereby created within the  
19 Department of Education, who shall be appointed by  
20 the Secretary thereof and be legal residents of  
21 Chuuk State, at which time scholarship funds in the  
22 amount of the scholarship award shall be disbursed  
23 directly to the educational institution in the form  
24 of a two-party check payable to both the scholarship  
25 recipient and the educational institution he or she

1 is attending; and PROVIDED FURTHER, that the  
2 allottee of the funds appropriated under subsection  
3 (2)(m)(ii) of section 11 of this act shall be  
4 Micronesian Legal Services Corporation; and  
5 PROVIDED FURTHER, that the allottees for the funds  
6 appropriated under subsection (2)(o) of section 11  
7 of this act shall be the Governors of the respective  
8 States, and no funds appropriated under subsection  
9 (2)(o) of section 11 of this act shall be disbursed  
10 from the General Fund to the allottees unless the  
11 President certifies that the State involved has  
12 entered into a joint law enforcement agreement for  
13 the period of October 1, 1997, to September 30,  
14 1998, with the National Government pursuant to  
15 chapter 12 of title 12 of the Code of the Federated  
16 States of Micronesia; and PROVIDED FURTHER, that the  
17 allottees for the funds appropriated under  
18 subsection (2)(s) of section 11 of this act shall be  
19 the Chief Justices of the respective States; and  
20 PROVIDED FURTHER, that the allottee of the funds  
21 appropriated under subsection (2)(ii) of section 11  
22 of this act shall be the President of the College of  
23 Micronesia - FSM, who shall not authorize release of  
24 funds to be used on behalf of a student until the  
25 President is satisfied that the student has

1 exhausted all other sources of financial assistance;  
2 and PROVIDED FURTHER, that the allottee of the funds  
3 appropriated under subsection (1) of section 13  
4 shall be the Director of the Office of  
5 Administrative Services. Each allottee shall be  
6 responsible for ensuring that these funds, or so  
7 much thereof as may be necessary, are used solely  
8 for the purpose specified in this act, and that no  
9 obligations are incurred in excess of the sum  
10 appropriated. The authority of the allottees to  
11 obligate funds appropriated by this act shall lapse  
12 as of September 30, 1998; PROVIDED, however, that  
13 the authority of the allottees to obligate funds  
14 appropriated by sections 7, 9, 10, 11(2)(ff) and 13  
15 shall not lapse."

16 Section 2. The review and award committee created in  
17 this act for Chuuk State's scholarship funds as appropriated  
18 under subsection (3) of section 10 of Public Law No. 10-24  
19 shall be appointed, constituted and become operational within  
20 15 days of the effective date of this act and shall have such  
21 powers and duties as the Secretary of the Department of  
22 Education deems necessary for the effective implementation of  
23 the intent and purpose of Chuuk's post-secondary educational  
24 scholarship. Any remaining balance of the amount appropriated  
25 in Public Law No. 10-24, section 10(3), as of the date this act

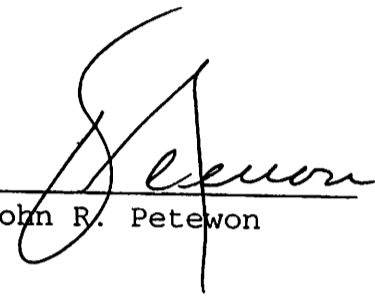
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1 becomes law shall be withheld in the General Fund of the  
2 Federated States of Micronesia for administration and award by  
3 the committee created herein. Scholarship awards shall be made  
4 only to legal residents of Chuuk State and based solely on  
5 academic merits or performances and the priority of the field  
6 of study in which the student is enrolled.

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

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