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:

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

“Section 108. Accreditation of elementary and secondary schools.

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

(a) Philosophy, goals and objectives;
(b) Organization;
(c) Staff and teachers;
(d) School [plant] plan and physical facilities;
(e) Library;
(f) Student counseling services;
(g) Curricular program;
(h) Co-curricular program;
(i) Physical Education program
(j) Community and parent involvement;
[k] Finance;
[l] Student-teacher ratio; and
[m] Compliance with the minimum standards established by and under this act.

(2) Accreditation Committee. An accreditation committee may be established by the Secretary to evaluate elementary and secondary schools for accreditation purposes.

(a) If established, this committee may be temporary, intermittent, or standing.

(b) The Accreditation Committee shall recommend to the Secretary whether a secondary school meets the approved accreditation standards or not.

(c) A recommendation to issue a certification of accreditation standards or not.

(d) A recommendation for technical assistance will be made for those elementary and secondary schools not meeting the accreditation standards.
(3) **Certificate of accreditation.** The Secretary shall issue a National Certification of Accreditation to respective elementary and secondary schools which substantially comply with accreditation standards, and which have a plan or program in effect to remedy any defects or shortcomings within an agreed upon period of time, based on appropriate recommendations from the [a]Accreditation [e]Committee.

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

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

(6) **Contingency as incentive.** In order to provide an incentive for the improvement of schools, the Secretary may make eligibility for certain categories of scholarship and other funds contingent upon obtaining certification or special certification, or upon making timely measurable progress toward obtaining
Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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