A BILL FOR AN ACT

To establish the Aid to Nonpublic Schools Fund Program; to authorize promulgation of regulations for the administration of the program; and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Title. This act shall be known as the "Aid to Nonpublic Schools Fund Program Act."

Section 2. Utilization of funds. Funds appropriated by Congress from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the purpose of providing aid to nonpublic schools in the Federated States of Micronesia shall be used for secular purposes only, including, but not limited to, health services, transportation services, textbooks, instructors' salaries, and instructional materials. Such funds shall be used for the extension of services to students attending nonpublic schools in the same manner and for the same purposes as such services are extended to students of equal level in public schools.

Section 3. Equitable distribution. All funds appropriated for the Aid to Nonpublic Schools Fund Program shall be administered by the President or his designee in a manner calculated to ensure an equitable distribution of the assistance represented by the funds to all students in nonpublic schools within the Federated States of Micronesia.

Section 4. Reporting. The Chief of the Division of Education of the Federated States of Micronesia shall prepare and submit an annual report on the status of the program before each regular May session of Congress. This report shall detail the expenditures of program funds during the preceding fiscal year, and shall include such other information as the Chief of the Division of Education of the Federated States of Micronesia may deem appropriate.
Section 5. Promulgation of regulations. The Chief of the Division of Education of the Federated States of Micronesia, with the approval of the President, shall promulgate regulations, pursuant to chapter 1 of title 17 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, governing the procedures for ensuring an equitable distribution of funds among the States; the process by which nonpublic schools may apply for funds under the program; the criteria governing awards of funds under the program; the purposes for which such funds may be used consistent with section 2 of this act; the procedures for accounting for funds awarded under the program; and such other matters as may be consistent with the contents and purposes of this act.

Section 6. Effective date. This act shall become law upon approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Date: October 29, 1985 Introduced by: John R. Hagelgam (by request)