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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend Public Law No. 19-85, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 19-155, 20-180, 21-50 and 21-215, by inserting a new section 10 thereof, to assign a transition role for the Joint Committee on the Compact Review Planning (JCRP) for a limited duration of 12 months, to allow the JCRP to provide key assistance to the National and State Governments during the initial stages of the transition and preparation for implementation of the 2023 Amended Compact between the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Government of the United States and its subsidiary agreements, to support the ratification process, to permit JCRP to provide testimony and briefings before the FSM Congress and U.S. Congress on the 2023 Amended Compact on ratification and require the compilation, organization and preservation of key documents related to the negotiations of the 2023 Amended Compact and its subsiding agreements, and for other purposes.

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

1           Section 1. Public Law No. 19-85, as amended by Public Laws  
2 Nos. 19-155, 20-180, 21-50 and 21-215, is hereby further amended  
3 by inserting a new section 10 to read as follows:

4           "Section 10. Ratification, Transition, and  
5           Implementation Assistance. Following the submission of  
6           any negotiated agreement pursuant to Section 7, the JCRP  
7           shall provide support to the ratification process, and  
8           the transition and preparation for implementation of the  
9           2023 Amended Compact and its related agreements. The  
10           period of JCRP assistance under this Section shall be  
11           limited in duration for up to twelve (12) months and  
12           shall be subject to change by assessment of the FSM  
13           President. Its duties and responsibilities shall

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1           include:

2           A. Provide direct support and assistance to the FSM  
3           National Government for ratification, transition, and  
4           preparation for implementation of the signed and  
5           finalized agreements, as provided under this law,  
6           between the FSM and the U.S.

7           B. Provide advice and assistance with the transition  
8           from the current Compact agreements to the 2023 Amended  
9           Compact agreements that will be replacing them,  
10          explanations of the context and intent of signed and  
11          finalized agreements, and assessments of implications  
12          for National and State level policies, with  
13          recommendations on how best to transition to the 2023  
14          Amended Compact set of agreements where appropriate.

15          C. As appropriate, provide support to briefings and  
16          testimony to the FSM and US legislative ratification and  
17          approval processes.

18          D. Direct its Secretariat to compile and organize  
19          key documents with background on the negotiations that  
20          have led to the 2023 Amended Compact and updated  
21          subsidiary agreements. The final product of this effort  
22          shall be preserved in the Office at Compact Management,  
23          the FSM Department of Foreign Affairs, the Library of  
24          the Congress of Micronesia, and the FSM Department of  
25          National Archives and Historic and Cultural

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1                   Preservation."

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

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6 Date: 1/8/24

Introduced by: /s/ Quincy Lawrence  
Quincy Lawrence  
(by request)

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