

AN ACT

To amend title 40 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as authorized by Public Law No. 18-86, by creating a new sub-chapter VIII under chapter 3, to establish a national scholarship board, and for other purposes.

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

1           Section 1. Section 108 of title 40 of the Code of the  
2 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as authorized by  
3 Public Law No. 18-96, is hereby amended, by adding a new sub-  
4 chapter VIII under Chapter 3, entitled: "National Scholarship  
5 Board".

6           Section 2. Title 40 of the Code of the Federated States of  
7 Micronesia (Annotated), as authorized by Public Law No. 18-96, is  
8 hereby amended by adding a new section 390 under subchapter VIII  
9 of chapter 3, to read as follows:

10                   "Section 390. Establishment of Scholarship Board. The  
11                   National Scholarship Board of the Federated States of  
12                   Micronesia is hereby established, and will hereinafter  
13                   be referred to as "the Scholarship Board."

14           Section 3. Title 40 of the Code of the Federated States of  
15 Micronesia (Annotated), as authorized by Public Law No. 18-96, is  
16 hereby amended by adding a new section 391 under subchapter VIII  
17 of chapter 3, to read as follows:

18                   "Section 391. Powers and responsibilities of the

1           Scholarship Board.

2           The Scholarship Board has the following powers and  
3           responsibilities:

4           (1) to operate as a the sole authority to make post-  
5           secondary scholarships, financial aid and grant awards  
6           from national appropriations designated for that  
7           purpose;

8           (2) to develop detailed guidelines and regulations  
9           regarding the applications, evaluations, awards and  
10          monitoring process for post-secondary scholarships,  
11          financial aid and grant awards from the National  
12          Government, these guidelines and regulations shall  
13          include, but not be limited to: eligibility  
14          requirements, basis of award guidelines, priority and  
15          award class guidelines, priority areas of study, timing  
16          for applications and financial disbursements;

17          (3) to operate and manage the evaluations, awards and  
18          monitoring of scholarships, financial aid and grant  
19          awards based on regulations it has developed, to provide  
20          for an unbiased, merit based awards system;

21          (4) to plan for the expansion and improvement of the  
22          services and awards provided through the Scholarship  
23          Board;

24          (5) to coordinate with the State and Municipal  
25          Governments regarding awards of post-secondary

1           scholarships, financial aid and grants;

2           (6) to promote the education and training of students  
3           in post-secondary programs;

4           (7) to ensure that proper and complete books of  
5           accounts reflecting all expenses, liabilities and post-  
6           secondary awards for scholarships, financial aid and  
7           grants are prepared."

8           Section 4. Title 40 of the Code of the Federated States of  
9           Micronesia (Annotated), as authorized by Public Law No. 18-96, is  
10          hereby amended by adding a new section 392 under subchapter VII of  
11          chapter 3, to read as follows:

12          "Section 392. Composition of the Scholarship Board.  
13          The Scholarship Board shall be composed of five voting  
14          members nominated by the President and confirmed by the  
15          Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to  
16          operate the Scholarship Board authorized by this  
17          subtitle. One member shall represent the National  
18          Government, and one member each for each of the four  
19          states. For nominations for the members representing  
20          the states the President shall make that nomination only  
21          after consultation with that state's Governor. Members  
22          shall serve a three-year terms. Any vacancies on the  
23          Board shall be filled for the unexpected term only.  
24          Where a vacancy is for one year or less, it shall be  
25          filled by the appointment of the President, otherwise

1           vacancies shall be filled by nomination by the President  
2           and confirmation by Congress."

3           Section 5. Title 40 of the Code of the Federated States of  
4 Micronesia (Annotated), as authorized by Public Law No. 18-96, is  
5 hereby amended by adding a new section 393 under subtitle VIII of  
6 chapter 3, to read as follows:

7           "Section 393. Regular meetings of the Scholarship  
8           Board. Regular meetings shall be held not less than  
9           four times per calendar year, at such times and places  
10          as shall be determined by the Scholarship Board."

11          Section 6. Title 40 of the Code of the Federated States of  
12 Micronesia (Annotated), as authorized by Public Law No. 18-96, is  
13 hereby amended by adding a new section 394 under subchapter VIII  
14 of chapter 3, to read as follows:

15          "Section 394. Quorum of the Scholarship Board. A  
16          quorum of all regular business of the Scholarship Board  
17          shall be three members."

18          Section 7. Title 40 of the Code of the Federated States of  
19 Micronesia (Annotated), as authorized by Public Law No. 18-96, is  
20 hereby amended by adding a new section 395 under subchapter VIII  
21 of chapter 3, to read as follows:

22          "Section 395. Record of meetings of the Scholarship  
23          Board. Full and accurate minutes of all meetings shall  
24          be kept, including any documents and evaluations that  
25          form the basis of awards of the post-secondary

