

TENTH OLBIL ERA KELULAU

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RPPL No. 10-10

Passed as: Senate Bill No. 10-38, SD1, HD2, CD1

AN ACT

To amend Section 701 of Title 22 to require the Ministry of Education to administer an official achievement test in the Republic and grant authority to explore other achievement tests that might be used, and for other related purposes

THE PEOPLE OF PALAU REPRESENTED IN THE OLBIL ERA KELULAU DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1           Section 1. Amendment. Section 701 of Title 22 of the Palau National Code is  
2 hereby amended as follows:

3           § 701. Student assessments.

4           (a) The Minister of Education shall designate an internationally recognized  
5 achievement test to be the official achievement test of the Republic.

6           (b) Every six (6) to ten (10) years, the Minister of Education shall conduct a  
7 review of available internationally recognized achievement tests such as the SAT or a  
8 similar aptitude test for use in gauging student progress in the Republic, determine  
9 the most appropriate test for the students of the Republic, and issue a report, which  
10 designates an internationally recognized achievement test as the official achievement  
11 test of the Republic, as required in subsection (a), to the President of the Republic  
12 and Presiding Officers of the Olbil Era Kelulau.

13           (c) The Ministry of Education or its designee shall administer the official  
14 achievement test, and shall arrange for the scoring of the tests. The Ministry of  
15 Education or its designee shall obtain comprehensive reports from the provider of the  
16 official achievement test and shall submit the results of the test scores to the President  
17 of the Republic and Presiding Officers of the Olbil Era Kelulau, taking whatever  
18 steps are necessary to preserve the confidentiality of an individual's results.

19           (d) The Ministry of Education or its designee shall administer the official  
20 achievement test to every student in specified primary and secondary school grades,  
21 to be determined by the Minister of Education every sixth to tenth year.

1 (e) If the Minister of Education fails to designate an official achievement test,  
2 the most current version of the last achievement test used in the Republic will be  
3 deemed the official achievement test of the Republic.

4 (f) The Ministry of Education shall take positive action to implement  
5 improvements in the Republic's education system based on student scores on the  
6 official achievement test.

7 Section 2. Effective Date.

8 This Act shall take immediately upon approval by the President, or upon  
9 becoming law without such approval.

PASSED: July 05, 2017

Approved this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

  
HE Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.  
President  
Republic of Palau