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- § 16A101. Joint Meetings.
- § 16A102. Financial Impact.
- § 16A103. Powers and Duties of the Joint Board.

**§ 16A101. Joint Meetings.**

(a) The Legislature finds that there is need for the governing boards of Guam's educational institutions to communicate and discuss in joint open meetings those educational concerns that touch on all bodies, and that by requiring a minimum number of Joint Board meetings the board members will have the opportunity to consider and decide approaches by which educational issues and problems can be most efficiently solved.

(b) The Board of Regents of the University of Guam, the District Boards of Education and the Board of Trustees of the Guam Community College shall hold at least two (2) joint open meetings per year for the purpose of coordinating their activities and facilitating the solution of problems of mutual concern. The joint meetings shall be held in September and in January of each year on dates and places determined by the chairman of the joint meeting. Other joint meetings may be held at other times as determined by the joint boards.

(c) A majority of the members of the Board of Regents of the University of Guam, the District Board of Education and the Board of Trustees of the Guam Community College shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the joint meeting business.

(d) The Chairman of the Board of Regents of the University of Guam, the Chairman of the District Boards of Education and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Guam Community College shall serve alternately, insofar as possible, as Joint Meeting Chairman, beginning with the Chairman of the Board of Regents.

(e) Minutes of meetings of these board shall be transmitted within seven (7) calendar days to the Governor and to the Legislature by the Chairman of the meeting who in the letter of transmittal thereof shall list

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those matters of concern to the boards which require action of the Governor and the Legislature.

**§ 16A102. Financial Impact.**

As each of the joint meetings provided for by § 16150 of this Chapter, those assembled shall discuss as agenda items the following:

- (a) the financial concerns of the three (3) institutions as they interrelate.
- (b) the possibility of consolidating programs to achieve greater economy;
- (c) an assessment of the needs relating to existing programs in terms of the manpower needs of the Territory;
- (d) policies concerning proper utilization of resources by the three (3) institutions;
- (e) review and assessment of academic, administrative and other programs periodically; when appropriate discontinuation of those programs that are no longer relevant and encouragement of the development of new programs that serve current needs; and
- (f) other items the board may desire to discuss.

**§ 16A103. Powers and Duties of the Joint Board.**

The Board of Regents of the University of Guam, the District Boards of Education and the Board of Trustees of the Guam Community College shall:

- (a) determine if a certificate issued by any state or territory of the United States should be recognized and suffice for issuing a similar certificate to work in the public schools in Guam. The Joint Board shall consider if (i) a state or territorial certificate was granted with the minimum academic training and other general regulations for the issuance of the same type of certificate on Guam, and (ii) the laws and regulations of state or territory issuing such certificate provide for similar recognition of certificates issued by the Joint Board;
- (b) enter on behalf of the government of Guam and abide by reciprocity agreements on certification of teachers and supervisors, with one or more states or territories of the United States, if the training, experience and other certification requirements of such states or territories are the same

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or higher than the requirements for professional certification by the Joint Board in effect at the time of the signing of the agreement.

(c) establish criteria for professional education practices including, but not limited, to the following:

(1) professional performance and continuance in professional services,

(2) teacher certification, and

(3) educational consultants;

(d) provide recommendations to educational institutions or to professional organization of educators which will promote improvement of the education profession but it may not be a party in any labor negotiation or disputes;

(e) adopt, pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Adjudication Act, such rules and regulations required for performance of its duties not inconsistent with the laws of Guam; and

(f) levy fees for teachers' certificate and renewals in accordance with the regulations of the Joint Board. The fees collected shall be used to defray the administrative expenses of administering a basics skills test to educators.

(g) Funds appropriated to provide loans and professional and technical awards and which are not totally expended may be used in succeeding years so as to increase the number of annual awards. The awards provided in this Chapter are subject to the following limitations:

(1) The applicant must be a bona fide resident of Guam and a United States citizen or a permanent resident alien and must have achieved an overall grade point average of 3.0 or its equivalent in such applicant's undergraduate studies if pursuing an academic graduate degree, or an irrevocable letter of acceptance from an accredited professional school.

(2) the applicant must agree that after completion or termination of the course of studies for which the award was granted, such applicant return to work on Guam for a period of one (1) year for each Three thousand Dollars (\$3,000) received under the award.

(3) The applicant must present to the Board prior to granting of the award satisfactory proof that such applicant has been admitted to

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the college or university as a full-time student to pursue a program of study in the field applied for.

(4) The colleges or universities must be properly accredited and must be approved by the Board; provided, however, that no award shall be granted for studies at an off-island institution in a specific academic program that is available at the University of Guam.

(5) The Board shall select the recipients of the awards upon the basis of scholastic ability, financial need, aptitude and health as well as the likelihood of the recipient returning to Guam to fill its professional needs.

In determining financial need, the applicant must complete an application form of Federal Student Aid (AFSA) as documentary evidence of need.

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