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**§ 16101. Short Title.**

This Chapter *shall* be known as the “Public Policy Institute Program.”

**§ 16102. Administration.**

(a) The Public Policy Institute (PPI) Program shall be under the administration of the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* in conjunction with the Chairperson of the Committee on Youth Affairs, or its successor, of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

(b) The Speaker, in partnership with the Chairperson of the Committee on Youth Affairs, *shall* have full and final authority of the selection of students within the PPI Program and *shall* set all requirements that are not stated within this Chapter in regards to applications.

(c) The PPI Program *shall* strive to welcome, encourage, and support students with indigenous and diverse backgrounds and experiences.

**§ 16103. Eligibility.**

In order for a student to be accepted into the PPI Program, the student *shall* submit an application provided by the Speaker and meet the following requirements:

- (a) the student *shall* be a resident of Guam for the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the start of the Program;
- (b) the student *shall* have a cumulative grade point average of at least three point zero (3.0);

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(c) the student *shall* be enrolled in an educational facility and have the credits equivalent to a high school sophomore or higher;

(d) the student *shall* submit a personal statement in addition to their application, which shall demonstrate strong writing and analytical skills, as well as a strong desire to be selected to the Program;

(e) the student *shall* submit a letter of recommendation from a school official and a government official or community leader; and

(f) the student *shall* submit a copy of their most recent report card or official transcript.

**§ 16104. Selection.**

(a) The Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the Chairperson of the Committee on Youth Affairs *shall* choose candidates based on their eligibility under § 16103.

(b) All applicants who are selected *shall* have gone through an interview process, which may be conducted by the Speaker.

(c) The number of applicants selected *shall* be at the discretion of the Speaker.

(d) Students selected as interns *shall* serve at the pleasure of the Speaker or their assigned Senator.

(e) Should a student not meet the eligibility criteria, the Speaker may waive any eligibility requirements.

**§ 16105. Cohort Seasons.**

The PPI Program *shall* be divided into three (3) cohorts: Summer Cohort, Fall Cohort, and Spring Cohort.

**§ 16106. Graduation.**

(a) To meet the graduation requirements for the PPI Program, interns *shall*:

(1) complete a minimum of eighty (80) in-office hours within the eight (8) week period;

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(2) provide written and oral testimony on a bill during a public hearing of their choice;

(3) work under the supervision of the Clerk of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for one (1) legislative session;

(4) assist with constituent work in the capacity of their senatorial office;

(5) participate in at least one (1) policy briefing with their senatorial office; and

(6) serve as a page for at least one (1) public hearing or legislative session.

(b) To graduate with distinction, the requirements for the PPI Program interns, as well as the requirements in Subsection (a) of this Section, *shall* be:

(1) to complete a minimum of one hundred sixty (160) in-office hours within the duration of their cohort;

(2) to conduct at least two (2) policy briefings within their senatorial offices;

(3) to demonstrate a high degree of professionalism within the workplace and personal life;

(4) to research and write an original bill fit for introduction and to demonstrate knowledge of the legislative process; and

(5) to participate in an outreach program or any other approved civic activity.

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