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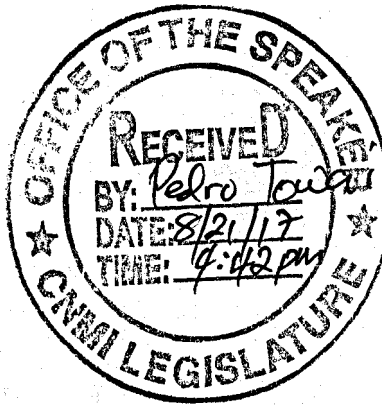
Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor

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Lieutenant Governor

The Honorable Rafael S. Demapan
Speaker
House of Representatives
Twentieth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

19 AUG 2017

The Honorable Arnold I. Palacios
President
The Senate
Twentieth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Capitol Hill
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Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Bill No. 20-92**, entitled, "To amend section 302 (f) (9), to authorize reprogramming to fund the Early Head Start and Head Start center; and for other purposes," which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 20-06**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

RALPH DLG. TORRES

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*Twentieth Legislature
of the
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands*
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Fifth Special Session

June 27, 2017

REPRESENTATIVE ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for, himself*) in an open and public meeting with an opportunity for the public to comment, introduced the following Bill:

H. B. No. 20-92

AN ACT

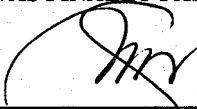
TO AMEND SECTION 302 (F) (9), TO AUTHORIZE REPROGRAMMING TO FUND THE EARLY HEAD START AND HEAD START CENTERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Bill was not referred to a House Committee.

THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON FIRST AND FINAL READING, JULY 6, 2017;
without amendments and transmitted to the
THE SENATE.

The Bill was not referred to a Senate Committee.
THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE ON FIRST AND FINAL READING, AUGUST 3, 2017;
without amendments and was returned to
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE BILL WAS FINALLY PASSED ON JULY 6, 2017.



Linda B. Muña, House Clerk



*Twentieth Legislature
of the
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands*
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Second Day, Fifth Special Session

July 6, 2017

H. B. No. 20-92

AN ACT

**TO AMEND SECTION 302 (F) (9), TO AUTHORIZE
REPROGRAMMING TO FUND THE EARLY HEAD START AND
HEAD START CENTERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**Be it enacted by the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth
Legislature:**

1 Section 1. Findings. The Legislature finds that Public Law 19-75 appropriated
2 \$10,241,826 for the Public School System (PSS). The amount of \$1,000,000 was
3 appropriated for five school buses and \$5,541,826 was appropriated for primary instructional
4 materials for language arts, math, science, and social studies. Significantly,
5 Section 302 (f) (9) provides that the funds appropriated to the PSS shall not be
6 reprogrammed.

7 The Legislature finds that after the PSS purchased the school buses as well as the
8 primary instructional materials, funds were still available. Accordingly, PSS now requests
9 legislative approval to reprogram \$188,005 from school buses appropriation and \$436,983
10 from instructional materials appropriation so that the amount of \$624,988 is reprogrammed to

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1 cover the local match for the Early Head Start and Head Start facilities. Therefore, the
2 purpose of this Act is to amend Section 302 (f) (9) to authorize reprogramming of a portion
3 of the PSS appropriation pursuant to Public Law 19-75.

4 **Section 2. Amendment.** Section 302 (f) (9) of Public Law 19-75 is amended to read:

5 “(9) The funds appropriated to the PSS under subsection (f) (1), (2), (3), (6),
6 (7) and (8) of this section shall not be reprogrammed. The funds appropriated under
7 subsection (f) (4) and (5) may be reprogrammed by the expenditure authority to fund
8 the local match for the Early Head Start and Head Start centers.”

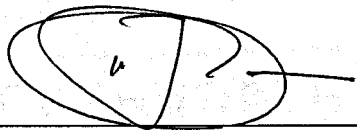
9 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or the application of any such
10 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent
11 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or
12 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

13 **Section 4. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be
14 construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes
15 repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers
16 contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law.
17 The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying,
18 any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence on the date this Act
19 becomes effective.


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1 Section 5. **Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the
2 Governor, or its becoming law without such approval.

Attested to by: 
Linda B. Muña, House Clerk

Certified by: 
SPEAKER RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN
House of Representatives
20th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

Approved this 19th day of August, 2017


RALPH M.G. TORRES
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands