

NITIJELA OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

22ND CONSTITUTIONAL REGULAR SESSION, 2001

BILL NO: 66 ND1

P.L. 2003-93

AN ACT

1 To amend the Education Act, Title 14, Chapter 3, to provide ; (a) that all children who attain the age
2 of four years on or before the beginning of each school year, shall be eligible to attend any
3 elementary level school in the Republic; and (b) that , all children who successfully complete
4 elementary level education shall be eligible to attend any secondary level school in the Republic.
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6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE NITIJELA OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS:**

7 Section 1. **Short title.**

8 This Act may be cited as the Education (Section 320 Amendment) Act of 2003.

9 Section 2. **Amendments.**

10 The Education Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 **“§ 320. Attendance.**

12 1. A child who attains the age of four (4) years on or prior to
13 the commencement date of any school year shall be eligible to enroll in, and
14 commence elementary level education in any school in the Republic.

15 2. A child who has successfully completed elementary level
16 education shall be eligible to enroll in secondary level education in any school in
17 the Republic.

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19 **“§322. Parent’s or Guardian’s Responsibility for Child’s**
20 **attendance.**

21 (1) It shall be the responsibility of a parent, guardian or any other
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1 person having custody of a child under the age of 18 years to ensure that a child
2 under his or her custody, care or guardianship attends elementary or secondary
3 level school upon attaining eligibility during any given school year.

4 (2) The parent, guardian, or person, having custody of a child who is
5 eligible to attend elementary or secondary level education;

6 (a) but is, without good cause or reasonable explanation,
7 not attending any elementary or secondary level schools in the
8 Republic, or;

9 (b) if enrolled in a school, does not attend school
10 regularly, or

11 (c) is found delinquent under the Juvenile Procedure Act
12 and placed on probation,

13 may be subject to penalties provided under 26 MIRC Chapter 3,

14 §.309

15 **Section 3. Effective Date.**

16 This Act shall take effect on the date of certification in accordance with Article IV, Section
17 21 of the Marshall Islands Constitution.

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19 **CERTIFICATE**

20 **I hereby certify:**

21 (1) that Nitijela Bill No. 66 ND1 was passed by the Nitijela of the Marshall Islands on the

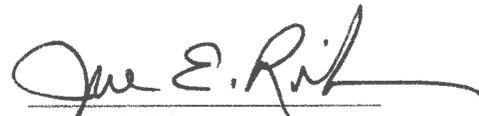
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2 29th day of September, 2003; and

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4 (1) that I am satisfied that Nitijela Bill No. 66ND1 was passed in accordance with the
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6 relevant provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Rules of
7
8 Procedures of the Nitijela .

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10 I hereby place my signature before the Clerk of the Nitijela this 3rd day of December, 2003.

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12 **Attest:**

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15 **Litokwa Tomeing**
16 Speaker,
17 Nitijela of the Marshall Islands

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20 **Joe E. Riklon**
21 Clerk,
22 Nitijela of the Marshall Islands
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