

A PROPOSAL

TO ADD NEW SUBSECTIONS C, D, AND E TO ARTICLE XV OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS CONSTITUTION TO MANDATE ACCREDITATION AND ADOPTION OF APPROPRIATE, RELEVANT, AND QUALITY STANDARDS OF EDUCATION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.

BE IT ADOPTED BY THE SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION:

1 Section 1. Section 1 of Article XV of the Constitution of the
2 Northern Mariana Islands is hereby amended by adding three new
3 subsections C, D, and E to read as follows:
4 "Subsection C. The state Board of Education as defined in section
5 13 of Article III and the Board of Regents as defined in applicable
6 law in the Commonwealth shall each endeavor to obtain and maintain
7 accreditation status for public elementary, secondary, and post-
8 secondary education from any nationally sanctioned, established,
9 recognized, and credible accrediting commission or agency in the
10 United States or its territories. The legislature may consider
11 school accreditation in determining annual budget appropriation
12 for the two school boards.
13 "Subsection D. The state Board of Education and Regents shall adopt
14 appropriate and relevant standards of curriculum and instruction for
15 public elementary and secondary and postsecondary education respectively.
16 "Subsection E. The state boards, either singly or collectively, may
17 recommend to the legislature to establish advisory commissions to the
18 board to include but not limited to commission on curriculum develop-
19 ment and supplemental materials, commission on special education, com-
20 mission on teacher preparation and licensing and public employee relations
21 commission."

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