

ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF YAP
Fourth Regular Session
2026

Bill No. 11¹-208

(RED)

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend Title 16 of the Yap State Code, by repealing Sections 202 and 203 and by enacting new Sections 202 and 203 concerning compulsory student attendance in schools, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Yap.

1 Section 1. Sections 202 and 203 are hereby repealed in
2 their entirety.

3 Section 2. Title 16 of the Yap State Code is hereby
4 amended by enacting a new Section 202 to be read as follows:

5 "Section 202. Compulsory School Attendance.

6 (a) Every child who is a resident of the State of
7 Yap shall attend a public school or other recognized non-
8 public or private school beginning from the school year in
9 which the child turns five (5) years of age and continuing
10 until the end of the school year in which the child turns
11 eighteen (18) years of age or until the child graduates from
12 high school, whichever comes first, unless otherwise exempted
13 under this chapter.

14 (b) Attendance in an Early Childhood Education
15 (ECE) program shall be compulsory beginning at age five (5).
16 Attendance for children at the age of three (3) or four (4)

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1 in an ECE program shall be optional and encouraged, but not
2 required.

3 (c) A child may be temporarily excused from school
4 under the following circumstances:

5 (1) Due to illness or health-related
6 conditions, provided that a medical certificate or
7 documentation is submitted from a licensed physician,
8 clinic, or qualified health practitioner;

9 (2) With the written approval of the school
10 principal, for other reason and justifiable causes
11 including family obligations, travel, cultural
12 obligations, or personal emergencies, provided that such
13 absences do not unduly disrupt the child's education and
14 are consistent with regulations issued by the Department
15 of Education.

16 (d) A parent, guardian, or other person having
17 control or charge of any child subject to the provisions of
18 this chapter shall ensure that the child attends school
19 regularly and complies with all school regulations regarding
20 attendance.

21 (e) A parent or guardian who fails to comply with
22 subsection (d) shall be subject to civil penalties of not more
23 than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each day of un-excused
24 absence, to be assessed by the Department of Education through
25 administrative procedures. Repeated or wilful violations may

1 be referred to further legal action."

2 Section 3. Title 16 of the Yap State Code is hereby
3 amended by enacting a new Section 203 to be read as follows:

4 "Section 203. Exemptions from Attendance. A child may be
5 exempted from the requirements of Section 203 if:

6 (1) The child is receiving equivalent instruction in
7 a recognized non-public or private school, or through an
8 approved home schooling program in accordance with standards
9 established by the Department of Education;

10 (2) The child is physically or mentally unable to
11 attend school, as certified by a licensed physician or
12 qualified health professional;

13 (3) Other reasonable circumstances as may be
14 determined by the Director of Education through rule or
15 regulation."

16 Section 4. This Act shall take effect upon the approval
17 by the Governor, or upon its becoming law without such
18 approval.

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21 Date: 3-17-26

Introduced by: 

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(By Request)

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