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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To provide a guideline for the selection of valedictorian and salutatorian in the schools. This will create a new section 12.401 in a new chapter 4 at Part I of Title 12 of the Kosrae State Code.

The Legislature finds that there have been many complaints, disappointments, and discouragement, stemming from selections of valedictorian or salutatorian at the schools during a lengthy time interval.

This bill seeks to help resolve the problems by providing a guideline for selection of valedictorian and salutatorian in the schools and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE KOSRAE STATE LEGISLATURE

1 Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this act is to establish a guideline for selection
2 of valedictorian and salutatorian at the schools, and others.

3 Section 2. Amendment. Title 12, Part 1, of the Kosrae State Code is hereby
4 amended to read as follows::

5 “Chapter 4. Student Rights.

6 Section 12.401. Guideline for selection of valedictorian and salutatorian.

- 7 (1) The selection of valedictorian and salutatorian will be the responsibility
8 of each individual school;
- 9 (2) The valedictorian designation shall be the student who has the highest
10 cumulative grade point average in grade 1 through 8 at elementary
11 school, or in grade 9 through 12 at high school,
- 12 (3) The salutatorian designation shall be the student with the next highest
13 grade point average.

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- 1 (4) At the elementary school, grade point average is taken from grade 1
2 through the 3rd quarter of the 8th grade; at the high school, grade point
3 average is taken from grade 9 through the 3rd quarter of the 12 grade.
4 The selection shall be announced within three weeks after the third
5 quarter. The fourth quarter grade will not change the selection.
- 6 (5) Any disciplinary issue dealing with academic honesty and integrity will
7 disqualify a student (including but not limited to cheating). The type of
8 discipline involves more than two days suspension or more from the
9 school.
- 10 (6) To qualify a student must have earned their final eight quarters (four
11 semesters) in the school in the school in which they graduate.
- 12 (7) All grades earned in all subjects, both required and elective, shall count
13 in determining the final average.
- 14 (8) Grades from overseas schools which may use a different grading
15 system, such as S (satisfactory), or others, shall not be used to the
16 disadvantage of the student; these different grading shall not be
17 included in making the final average.
- 18 (9) In the instance of a tie, students will be awarded a designation as co-
19 valedictorian or co-salutatorian.

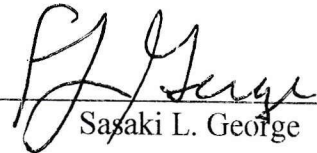
1 (10) Some form of recognition shall be accorded to both individuals
2 during the graduation ceremony beyond the designation in the printed
3 program. Such recognition may take the form of being a student
4 speaker; standing and being introduced by the principal during their
5 remark to the audience, noting the student's achievement during his
6 school career, and etc."

7 Section 3. Effective date. This act takes effect upon the approval of the Governor
8 or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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11 Date: 02 Feb 2020

Introduced by:


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