



ELEVENTH YOUTH PARLIAMENT
Private Member's Motion No. 1 of 2018

Amendment to the Education Law
and
Reintroduction of A-Level Qualifications

WHEREAS “compulsory school age” is defined in The Education Law, 2016 as “*age commencing on the date next following that which a child attains the age of five years before 1st September and ending on the date on which the child attains the age of seventeen years or has met the requirements to obtain a secondary school diploma or its equivalent, whichever is the earlier or such other age bracket as may be specified by an Order made under section 11.*”;

AND WHEREAS compulsory education extends until the “compulsory school age”;

AND WHEREAS it can be argued that an additional year of schooling would yield greater benefit to students;

AND WHEREAS students who attend the Government high schools are required to apply for financial assistance from the Government in order to undertake A-level qualification at a private school;

AND WHEREAS the Government should recognize the educational necessity for students to complete their full educational potential without the need to attend a private school;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Government considers amending the definition of “compulsory school age” within the Education Law 2016 by deleting the word “*seventeen*” and inserting the word “*eighteen*”;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government considers re- introducing A-levels qualification within the Government educational system for all Caymanians in public education so that it shall be compulsory for students, other than those attending the Cayman Islands Further Education Centre, for the remainder of their mandated school time.

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