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Bill No. 44-37 (COR)

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**AN ACT TO *ADD* NEW §§ 7112(d) AND 7112.2 OF
CHAPTER 7, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED,
RELATIVE TO CREATING THE *SAFE SCHOOL*
*FACILITIES ACT OF 2023.***

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1.** Short Title. This Act is known as the *Safe School Facilities Act*
3 *of 2023.*

4 **Section 2.** A new paragraph (d) is *added* to §7112 of Chapter 7, Title 17
5 Guam Code Annotated to read as follows:

6 “(d) The Superintendent shall receive and retain any reports of, including
7 but not limited to, maintenance problems, facilities defects, structural problems,
8 safety concerns and the presence of hazardous materials from students, faculty,
9 school employees, parents and other stakeholders. Copies of such reports shall be
10 included with any procurement solicitations for services described in paragraph (a)
11 *supra.*”

12 **Section 3.** A new § 7112.2 is *added* to Chapter 7, Title 17, Guam Code
13 Annotated to hereby read as follows:

14 “§ 7112.2 **Assessment and Remediation of Hazardous Substances and**
15 **Infestations.**”

1 (a) The Superintendent shall develop, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter
2 9, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, procedures to identify and remediate facilities of
3 the Guam Department of Education for the following:

4 (1) Microbiological and pathogenic hazards include bacteria, yeasts,
5 fungi and viruses;

6 (2) Insect, arachnid and parasite infestation,

7 (3) Rodent infestation,

8 (4) Substances determined to be hazardous by Chapter 32, 10 GCA,

9 (5) Noxious or toxic gas hazards,

10 (6) Toxicity or allergens originating in flora,

11 (7) Contamination hazards in the water distribution systems, and

12 (8) Any substance of infestation deemed to hazardous by, including
13 but not limited to, the Department of Public Health and Social Services, Guam
14 Environmental Protections Agency, the United States Department of Health
15 and Human Services, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the
16 United States Drug Enforcement Administration and the United States
17 Department of Agriculture.

18 (b) Conduct, at least once annually, inspections of remediated hazards
19 where the hazard was a result of infestation or contamination.

20 (c) Conduct, at least once annually, inspections of remediated hazards
21 where the form of remediation did not involve the complete removal of the
22 hazardous substances or the complete repair or abatement of the causes of hazardous
23 conditions.

24 (d) Develop standard operating procedures to:

25 (1) assess and remediate hazardous substances and infestations,
26 including if necessary, hiring of contractors to perform the remediation,

1 (2) isolate areas found to contain hazardous substances or
2 infestations until the hazardous substance or infestation is remediated,

3 (3) develop systems of notifications for students, faculty, school
4 personnel, parents, and regulatory agencies of the discovery of hazardous
5 substances and infestations and the completion of remediation,

6 (4) investigate reports of discovery of hazardous substances and
7 infestations,

8 (5) develop inspection schedules,

9 (6) report findings to regulatory agencies as required by Public Law,
10 and

11 (7) develop a warning system to notify the public of areas with
12 school property that may contain hazardous substances or infestations until
13 the area is remediated.”