

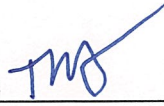
*I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
**BILL STATUS**

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***I MINA 'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2019 (FIRST) Regular Session**

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Introduced by:

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2019 MAY - 6 AM 9:51 AM

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds  
3 that a Guam Autism Center was authorized pursuant to the provisions of Public Law  
4 33-227. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* appropriated One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars  
5 (\$150,000) to the Department of Administration for the non-profit organization,  
6 HunterSpeaks, in Fiscal Year 2018 pursuant to Chapter V, Section 1(g)(12) of Public  
7 Law 34-42, as an initial investment by the government of Guam to set up the Guam  
8 Autism Center, prior to the establishment of the DISID Business Center and One  
9 Stop Community Resource and Wellness Center.

10 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that in early November 2018, the Guam  
11 Autism Center has taken in its first group of clients and has begun billing health  
12 insurance providers under the *Hunter's Law of 2017* (Public Law 34-06) as a means  
13 of long-term sustainability. Initial seed funding has been utilized to cover the cost of

1 training technicians, recruitment and operational costs. However, it may take  
2 approximately two (2) years before the Guam Autism Center is completely self-  
3 funded; and, seed funding will run out by April 2019. *I Liheslaturan Guahan* further  
4 finds that the services provided by the HunterSpeaks non-profit organization for the  
5 Guam Autism Center are vital to the quality of life of children living with autism  
6 spectrum disorder in our community.

7 It is, therefore, the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* to appropriate additional  
8 funding to ensure the continuation of vital autism services provided by the  
9 HunterSpeaks non-profit organization from the audited fund balance of the Healthy  
10 Futures Fund contained in the Fiscal Year 2017 Government of Guam General  
11 Purpose Financial Statement and Single Audit Report.

12 **Section 2. Appropriation.** The sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars  
13 (\$150,000) is appropriated from the Fiscal Year 2017 audited available fund balance  
14 of the Healthy Futures Fund in Fiscal Year 2019 to the Department of  
15 Administration (DOA) for the Guam Autism Center, operated by the HunterSpeaks  
16 non-profit organization in Fiscal Year 2019. This appropriation *shall* be used by the  
17 government of Guam to provide payment for autism spectrum disorder services,  
18 training, and operation of the Guam Autism Center, and *shall not* be transferred,  
19 used, or expended for any other purpose than what is specified in this Act.

20 **Section 3. Reporting Requirements.** The HunterSpeaks non-profit  
21 organization *shall* submit a status report every ninety (90) days to the Speaker of *I*  
22 *Liheslaturan Guahan* on the utilization of funds appropriated by this Act until such  
23 funds are fully expended.

24 **Section 4. Repeal of Public Law 35-9.** Public Law 35-9 is hereby repealed  
25 in its entirety:

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27 ~~finds that a Guam Autism Center was authorized pursuant to the provisions of~~

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15 ~~run out by April 2019. I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that the services~~  
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20 ~~additional funding to ensure the continuation of vital autism services provided~~  
21 ~~by the HunterSpeaks non-profit organization.~~

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23 ~~Dollars (\$150,000) is appropriated from any excess General Fund revenues in~~  
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6        ~~until such funds are fully expended. ”~~

7        **Section 5. Effective date.** This Act shall become effective upon enactment.