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Introduced by:

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that the *Guahan Academy Charter School Act of 2009* created a challenging
4 mandate when it came to requiring a certain number of “converted” public schools.
5 The same chapter that established Charter Schools also crafted relatively
6 unachievable requirements for any licensee seeking to initiate an Academy Charter
7 School on Guam.

8 Charter Schools provide alternative options for families seeking certain
9 curriculum for their children, or desire a smaller student to educator ratio, while
10 retaining a public school education. The intent of this legislation is not to create an
11 infinite number of Charter Schools; rather it is to create an equal approach for all
12 applicants when it comes to starting such a school, without increasing the
13 mandated number of charter schools on island.

14 Charter School’s do not cost the taxpayers any additional dollars, as the cost
15 per student is moved from a traditional Guam Department of Education (GDOE)
16 school to a Charter School of choice. These schools also have the potential of

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1 providing public school educators the opportunity of smaller class sizes, thus
2 improving the student to educator ratio. We are also seeing entities seeking more
3 vocational trades to be added to their Charter School curriculum, hence providing
4 students alternative options for a career choice.

5 The legislation would remove any requirements on the number of “new” and
6 “converted” Academy Charter Schools on island, by merely allowing the applicant
7 to apply for whichever option represents the school of choice they desire to open.
8 If the entity is able to accomplish the requirements outlined by a “converted
9 school”, than they would be able to apply under that license if they so desire.
10 Otherwise, the entity can apply as a “new” school, and invest in its infrastructure.

11 **Section 2.** §12106(g) of Chapter 12, Title 17, is hereby *amended* to read as
12 follows:

13 (g) The total number of Academy Charter Schools operating on Guam
14 under this Chapter at any one time *shall* not exceed seven (7). At least two
15 (2) Academy Charter Schools *shall* be an elementary school. At least one (1)
16 *shall* be a middle school. At least one (1) *shall be a high school.* ~~No more~~
17 ~~than three (3) non-converted public schools shall be authorized.~~

18 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to
19 any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such
20 invalidity *shall not* affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be
21 given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the
22 provisions of this Act are severable.

23 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act *shall* become effective immediately
24 upon enactment.