

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

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2019 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 68-35 (COR/LS)

Introduced by:

Therese M. Terlaje 

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

**Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that a Guam Autism Center was authorized pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 33-227. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* appropriated One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) for FY18 pursuant to Chapter V, Section (g)(12) of Public Law 34-42, to the Department of Administration and the Hunter Speaks non-profit organization, as an initial investment to set up the Guam Autism Center, prior to the establishment of the DISID Business Center and One Stop Community Resource and Wellness Center.

*I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that in early November 2018, the Guam Autism Center has taken in its first group of kids and has begun billing health insurance providers under Hunter's Law (P.L. 34-06) as a means of long-term sustainability. Initial seed funding has been utilized to cover the cost of training technicians, recruitment and operational costs. However, it may take approximately two (2) years before the Guam Autism Center is completely self-

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1 funded and seed funding will run out by April 2019. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further  
2 finds that the services provided by the Hunter Speaks non-profit organization for  
3 the Guam Autism Center are vital to the quality of life of children living with  
4 Autism Spectrum Disorder in our community. It is therefore the intent of *I*  
5 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* to appropriate additional funding to ensure the continuation  
6 of vital autism services provided by the Hunter Speaks Non-Profit Organization.

7       **Section 2. Appropriation.** The sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand  
8 Dollars (\$150,000) is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
9 Administration (DOA) for the Guam Autism Center, operated by the Hunter  
10 Speaks Non-profit Organization, in fiscal year 2019. This appropriation *shall* be  
11 used by the Government of Guam to provide payment for autism spectrum disorder  
12 services, training, and operation of the Guam Autism Center and *shall not* be  
13 transferred, used, or expended for any other purpose other than what is specified in  
14 this Act.

15       **Section 3. Reporting Requirement.** The Hunter Speaks Non-Profit  
16 Organization shall submit to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, a status report  
17 on the utilization of funds every 90 days until such funds are fully expended.