

I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE UNRESERVED BALANCE OF THE TERRITORIAL EDUCATION FACILITIES FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE FOR THE *I FAMAGU'ON-TA* PROGRAM, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR CLASSROOM SUPPLIES, THE MAYORS COUNCIL OF GUAM FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF PUBLIC SCHOOL GROUNDS, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TO FILL VACANCIES FOR ADDITIONAL NURSES AND MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, AND THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY FOR THE PURCHASE OF BASIC SUPPLIES FOR ITS PATIENTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.

I Liheslatura finds there is \$7,401,972 in the Unreserved Fund Balance of the Territorial Education Facilities Fund, according to the audited FY 2008 Government of Guam Financial Statements.

I Liheslatura finds Guam's evolving system of care for children with severe emotional disorders and their families is critical and indispensable to the education of marginalized children and the future of the island. Federal funding for the *I*

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1 *Famagu'on-ta* program, which was created to pool this system of care and has
2 become the foundation for care for hundreds of struggling families, expires
3 September 30, 2009. *I Liheslatura* provided funding for the operations of the
4 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse that considers the operational
5 needs of *I Famagu'on-ta*, however, there is no direct appropriation for the
6 program, which requires additional financial resources.

7 *I Liheslatura* further finds public school teachers and students perennially
8 are burdened by a lack of classroom supplies to improve learning. Funding for the
9 Department of Education is needed to provide these resources so teachers and
10 parents are not spending on supplies, which should be provided.

11 *I Liheslatura* further finds the mayors and vice mayors of Guam have been
12 mandated to provide for the maintenance and upkeep of the grounds of Guam's
13 public schools. Funding for this mandate has been limited and mayors have
14 requested supplemental funding for this purpose. It is critical the mayors and vice
15 mayors of Guam have the resources to provide safe environments for the island's
16 school children.

17 *I Liheslatura* further finds the Department of Public Health and Social
18 Services was supposed to receive an additional \$431,635 to fund critical vacancies
19 in the Fiscal Year 2010 budget.

20 *I Liheslatura* further finds the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority has a
21 constant shortage of basic supplies for its patients.

22 **Section 2. Appropriation to *I Famagu'on-ta*.** The sum of Five Hundred
23 Thousand Dollars (**\$500,000**) is hereby appropriated from the Unreserved Fund
24 Balance of the Territorial Education Facilities Fund to the Department of Mental
25 Health and Substance Abuse for the *I Famagu'on-ta* program. This appropriation
26 is not subject to the Governor's transfer authority or the Bureau of Budget and
27 Management Research's allotment process and shall be used exclusively for the
28 *Famagu'on-ta* program. The Department of Administration shall release this

1 appropriation for immediate expenditure and encumbrance by the Department of
2 Mental Health and Substance Abuse for the *I Famagu'on-ta* program.

3 **Section 3. Appropriation to the Department of Education.** The sum
4 of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (**\$500,000**) is hereby appropriated from the
5 Unreserved Fund Balance of the Territorial Education Facilities Fund to the
6 Department of Education for classroom supplies. This appropriation is not subject
7 to the Governor's transfer authority or the Bureau of Budget and Management
8 Research's allotment process. The Department of Administration shall release this
9 appropriation for immediate expenditure and encumbrance by the Department of
10 Education.

11 **Section 4. Appropriation to the Mayors Council of Guam.** The sum
12 of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (**\$500,000**) is hereby appropriated from the
13 Unreserved Fund Balance of the Territorial Education Facilities Fund to the
14 Mayors Council of Guam for the upkeep and maintenance of public school
15 grounds. This appropriation is not subject to the Governor's transfer authority or
16 the Bureau of Budget and Management Research's allotment process. The
17 Department of Administration shall release this appropriation for immediate
18 expenditure and encumbrance by the Mayors Council of Guam.

19 **Section 5. Appropriation to the Department of Public Health and**
20 **Social Services.** The sum of Four Hundred Thirty-one Thousand Six Hundred
21 Thirty-five Dollars (**\$431,635**) is hereby appropriated from the Unreserved Fund
22 Balance of the Territorial Education Facilities Fund to the Department of Public
23 Health and Social Services to fund vacancies for nurses and other medical
24 professionals. This appropriation is not subject to the Governor's transfer
25 authority or the Bureau of Budget and Management Research's allotment process.
26 The Department of Administration shall release this appropriation for immediate
27 expenditure and encumbrance by the Department of Public Health and Social
28 Services.

1 **Section 6. Appropriation to the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority.**

2 The sum of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (**\$600,000**) is hereby appropriated to
3 the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority for the purchase of linens, pillows and
4 patient gowns for the patients of the hospital. This appropriation is not subject to
5 the Governor’s transfer authority or the Bureau of Budget and Management
6 Research’s allotment process. The Department of Administration shall release this
7 appropriation for immediate expenditure and encumbrance by the Guam Memorial
8 Hospital Authority.

9 **Section 7. Reporting Requirement.** The Department of Administration
10 shall submit to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* monthly reports on the release of funds,
11 expenditures and encumbrances from appropriations made in Sections 2, 3, 4, 5,
12 and 6 of this Act.