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Bill No. *452-30(COR)*

Introduced by:

B.J.F. Cruz *[Signature]*
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**AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 51 TO TITLE 17 GUAM
CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO AN ACADEMIC
TRAVEL FUND.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that students may enhance their educational experience by attending off-island academic conferences, competitions, workshops, seminars and lectures. These academic events support growth in students' academic discipline, expose students to current trends in their field of study, and provide an opportunity for students to present their thesis or projects. Attending an academic conference and competition is an academically rewarding experience that may inspire further research ideas, help students find a career path, and assist students in choosing a university. Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to establish an Academic Travel Fund to allow students at any public or private school on Guam to attend off- island academic events.

Section 2. A new Chapter 51 is hereby *added* to Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

“CHAPTER 51

Academic Travel Fund

§ 51001. Title: Academic Travel Fund

- 1 § 51002. Definitions
- 2 § 51003. Administration
- 3 § 51004. Academic Travel Fund. Creation.
- 4 § 51005. Appropriations
- 5 § 51006. Acceptance of Gifts
- 6 § 51007. Application Forms and Notices

7 **§ 51001. Title.**

8 This Chapter shall be known, and may be cited as the “Academic Travel
9 Fund Act.”

10 **§ 51002. Definitions.**

- 11 (a) *Fund* shall mean the Academic Travel Fund
- 12 (b) *Board* shall mean the Board of Regents of the University of Guam
- 13 (c) *Award* shall mean a grant of funds for the purpose of providing
14 off-island travel including airfare, accommodations, registration, per diem
15 and other approved expenses to attend off-island academic conferences,
16 competitions, workshops, seminars and lectures.

17 **§ 51003. Administration.**

18 The University of Guam, hereinafter referred to as “the University” shall
19 administer the provisions of this Chapter, and the Board of Regents of the
20 university shall grant all awards provided by this Chapter.

21 **§ 51004. Academic Travel Fund. Creation.**

22 There is hereby established an Academic Travel Fund, hereinafter referred to
23 as the “Fund”, from which travel awards granted pursuant to this Chapter shall be
24 administered by the University of Guam. The University shall administer the
25 funds and all monies appropriated or bequeathed for awards pursuant to this
26 chapter. All funds shall be paid directly to the Fund and shall be dispensed by
27 authorization of the Board. No portion of the Fund, including principal and

1 interest, shall be transferred to any other fund, or used, or appropriated, except as
2 provided for under this Article. Within sixty (60) days after the closing of each
3 fiscal year, the Board shall transmit to the Governor and Legislature an annual
4 report of the expenditures of the fund, including, but not limited to, a balance
5 sheet, statement of receipts and expenses, and a general description of the income
6 sources of the Fund and the expenses thereof.

7 **§ 51005. Appropriations.**

8 Effective October 1, 2011 and each year thereafter, the sum of \$100,000 is
9 authorized to be appropriated from the Healthy Futures Fund to the Academic
10 Travel Fund.

11 **§ 51006. Acceptance of Gifts.**

12 The University is authorized to accept for the Fund gifts, devises, bequests,
13 donations and all other kinds of contributions for the purposes of the Fund.

14 **§ 51007. Application Forms and Notices.**

15 The Board shall prescribe by policy necessary application forms and
16 procedures for all awards granted pursuant to this Chapter. The Board shall give
17 notice in all Guam public and private schools in a newspaper of general circulation
18 and the electronic media at least once before the acceptance period is to
19 commence, and other appropriate places on the availability of all awards for
20 current academic events. Such notice shall be posted and sent by the Board
21 annually in a timely manner to permit interested students, who shall be residents of
22 Guam or a permanent resident alien, an opportunity to apply for the awards granted
23 by this Chapter.”

24 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment into
25 law.