




**I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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AN ACT TO REPROGRAM AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE LIMITED OBLIGATION HIGHWAY BONDS AUTHORIZED BY P.L. 19-2 TO IMPROVE THE AVAILABILITY OF DPW SCHOOL BUSES BY REFURBISHING SELECTED SCHOOL BUSES, PERFORM OVERDUE PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICES, PURCHASE OF TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT FOR BUS MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR OF FACILITIES AT DPW BUS SUBSTATIONS.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUÅHAN:

2 **Section 1. Legislative findings and intent.** Following a series of oversight
3 hearings, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the Department of Public Works
4 (DPW) has in its inventory two hundred eleven (211) school buses. The status of
5 these buses can be described as follows: eighty-seven (87), or 41%, are
6 operational, thirty-six (36), or 17%, are not operational and are awaiting repair
7 parts, and the remaining eighty-eight (88), or 42%, are inoperable and require
8 major repairs. According to the DPW Bus Operations Superintendent, the
9 optimum number of buses needed to provide timely bus services is one hundred
10 seventy-nine (179). However, the average number of buses available to provide
11 the pick-up services is only eighty-eight (88), or 49% of the optimal number.

1 The shortage of operating buses has been exacerbated by the travel delays
2 caused by the highway construction that is on-going at the Tri-Intersection of
3 Route 8/10/16. The combined impact of both shortcomings has resulted in student
4 pick-ups being delayed for as long as two hours, before and after school. Many in
5 the community have raised concerns that the loss of up to four hours daily waiting
6 for a school bus to arrive has significant negative impact on students. The most
7 significant concern, however, relates to the public safety aspect of standing at the
8 bus stops, which are generally unsupervised.

9 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that there exists an unreserved balance of
10 approximately Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) in the Limited Obligation
11 Highway Bonds, 1985 Series A Account authorized by P. L. 19-2. *I Liheslatura*
12 intends to appropriate the amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) for the
13 purpose of refurbishing DPW buses requiring major repairs, performing overdue
14 preventative maintenance services, purchasing maintenance tools and equipment
15 needed to effectively maintain the DPW buses, and making repairs at DPW's seven
16 (7) bus substations.

17 **Section 2.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* hereby appropriates the total sum of Two
18 Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) from the unreserved balance of the Limited
19 Obligation Highway Bonds, 1985 Series A Account authorized by P.L. 19-2 to the
20 Department of Public Works (DPW) for the amounts and purposes as follows:

- 21 (a) \$1,200,000 for the repair and restoration of no less than twenty
22 (20) of the inoperable DPW school buses, and
23 (b) \$300,000 for the performance of, at minimum and in
24 accordance with the original equipment manufacturer's
25 specifications, a quarterly preventative maintenance service on
26 no less than sixty (60) of the currently operating DPW school
27 buses, and

- 1 (c) \$200,000 for the purchase of tools and equipment to support
2 the maintenance of DPW's school buses, and
3 (d) \$100,000 for the procurement of rental buses to temporarily
4 augment DPW school bus fleet, and
5 (e) \$200,000 for maintenance and repair of facilities at the seven
6 (7) DPW bus substations.

7 **Section 3. Timely Completion of Maintenance Services.**

8 (a) The DPW Director shall exercise best management practices to
9 ensure that Section 2. (a) and (b) can be completed within 90-days,
10 but not later than 120-days.

11 (b) In order to expedite the repair of buses, the DPW Director shall
12 plan for the augmentation of the maintenance capacity of the DPW
13 Transportation Maintenance Division by procuring the services of
14 private sector maintenance shops capable of accomplishing the
15 required maintenance services described in Section 2. (a) and (b)
16 above.

17 **Section 4.** This appropriation is *not* subject to *I Maga'lahen Guåhan's*
18 transfer authority *or* the Bureau of Budget and Management Research's allotment
19 process. The Department of Administration *shall* release this appropriation for
20 immediate expenditure and encumbrance of the Department of Public Works.