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July 19, 2019

HONORABLE TINA MUÑA BARNES
Speaker
I Mina’rentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
35th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Bill No. 107-35 (COR) – Relative To Accreditation And The Renewal Period For Charter Schools; Accreditation Status; And Alleviating The Causes Of Probation For The Same.

Dear Madame Speaker:

I am thankful that the Legislature shares my passion in ensuring that our island’s youth has access to the best education that fits her or his individual needs.

In 2009, the Guam Academy Charter School Act was enacted to provide opportunities for teachers, parents, guardians, students and community members to establish and maintain schools that operate independently from the Department of Education. Today, 10 years later, we are seeing the results of that movement and our charter schools have grown to give legitimate alternatives in education. These bills indicate not only the need to be continuously mindful of how legislation affects real life practice, but more importantly, the positive momentum towards fulfilling the original goals of the Guam Academy Charter School Act.
To continue that momentum, I am pleased to sign Bill Nos. 57-35 (COR), 106-35 (LS), and 107-35 (LS) into law as **Public Laws 35-28, 35-29, and 35-30**, respectively.

*Senseremente,*

[Signature]

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO  
*Maga’hågan Guåhan*  
Governor of Guam

Enclosure: Bill No. 57-35 nka P.L. 35-28  
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cc: *Sigundo Maga’lahi* (via email)  
    Compiler Of Laws (via email)
I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that Bill No. 57-35 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND § 12106(g) OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE PROCESS OF APPROVING OR DENYING CHARTER SCHOOL PETITIONS," was on the 11th day of July 2019, duly and regularly passed.

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Speaker

Attested:

Amanda L. Shelton
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by I Maga'hågan Guåhan this ___ day of July, 2019, at ___ o'clock ___M.

Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'håga's Office

APPROVED:

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: ____/14/2019

Public Law No. ___-___
AN ACT TO AMEND § 12106(g) OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE PROCESS OF APPROVING OR DENYING CHARTER SCHOOL PETITIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

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

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

These schools also have the potential of providing public school educators the opportunity of smaller class sizes, thus improving the student-to-educator ratio. We are also seeing entities seeking more vocational trades to be added to Academy Charter School curricula, hence providing students alternative options for career choices.

This legislation would remove requirements on the number of “new” and “converted” Academy Charter Schools on the island by merely allowing applicants to apply for whichever option represents the school of choice they desire to open. If the entity is able to accomplish the requirements outlined by a “converted school” then it would be able to apply under that license if it so desires. Otherwise, the entity can apply as a “new” school and invest in its infrastructure.

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

“(g) The total number of Academy Charter Schools operating on Guam under this Chapter at any one (1) time shall not exceed seven (7). At least two (2) Academy Charter Schools shall be an elementary school; at least one (1) Academy Charter School shall be a middle school; and, at least one (1) Academy Charter School shall be a high school. An Academy Charter School applicant shall submit a written request to the Superintendent or the
Guam Education Board to determine whether an available or suitable facility exists within the Department before the applicant submits its application to the Council. If a response is not provided within thirty (30) days of receipt of the request, the applicant may submit its application without said determination to the Council."

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

Section 4. Effective Date. This Act shall be effective upon enactment.