

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

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**2021 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 201-36 (COR)**

Introduced by:

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

2        **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds  
3 that the negative economic impact of COVID-19 has resulted in more than eight  
4 thousand of our island people without jobs. According to the Guam Department of  
5 Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, as of June 2021, 11.4% of our island people are  
6 unemployed. A large makeup of the unemployed were previously in jobs that were  
7 tourism industry focused.

8        *I Liheslatura* acknowledges that the economic downtown and a large  
9 unemployed workforce demonstrates our economic reliance on a limited number of  
10 industry sectors.

11        *I Liheslatura* identifies the great need to diversify its economic sectors, which  
12 in the future, can mitigate any potential threats to the local economy. Economic

1 diversification begins with the diversification of training programs for our people.  
2 We need our people back to work, which mean pivoting careers and developing new  
3 skills to adapt to this current landscape where jobs in tourism are scarce.

4 Diversification of workforce means greater access to employment for our  
5 people and access to a larger pool of candidates for employers. *I Liheslatura* finds  
6 that a diversified workforce would address the needs in our community, create a  
7 standard of successional planning, satisfy the challenge of the growing number of  
8 vacant positions in the government due to retirement, and provide support to  
9 developing industries and entrepreneurs.

10 The Government of Guam, through a collaboration of its educational cohorts,  
11 the Guam Community College and the University of Guam, and the Department of  
12 Labor, offers a variety of programs and scholarships to our people. However these  
13 opportunities are limited in their capacity due to funding availability.

14 *I Liheslaturan Guðhan* intends to diversify Guam’s workforce by increasing  
15 the capacity of the training and scholarship programs available to our people.

16 **Section 2. Appropriation to the Guam Community College.** The sum of  
17 Four Million Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$4,050,000) from the revenues received  
18 pursuant to Chapter 42 of Title 11 Guam Code Annotated, the Earned Income  
19 Program, available for Fiscal Year 2021 is hereby appropriated to the Guam  
20 Community College for the express purpose of providing additional support to  
21 workforce development programs, apprenticeship training programs and the creation  
22 of new workforce development programs. This appropriation shall not lapse and  
23 shall continue to be available until fully expended.

24 **Section 3. Appropriation to the Guam Department of Labor.** The sum  
25 of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000) from the revenues received  
26 pursuant to Chapter 42 of Title 11 Guam Code Annotated, the Earned Income  
27 Program, available for Fiscal Year 2021 is hereby appropriated to the Guam  
28 Department of Labor. The funds shall be utilized to increase the Fund’s capacity of

1 apprenticeships, pre-apprenticeships, workforce development, training programs,  
2 and administrative and operational cost to facilitate these programs. This  
3 appropriation shall not lapse and shall continue to be available until fully expended.

4       **Section 4. Appropriation to the University of Guam for Scholarship**  
5 **Programs.** The sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) from the revenues  
6 received pursuant to Chapter 42 of Title 11 Guam Code Annotated, the Earned  
7 Income Program, available for Fiscal Year 2021 is hereby appropriated to the  
8 University of Guam for the express purpose of providing additional funding for the  
9 Pedro “Doc” Sanchez and Antonio C. Yamashita Teacher Corps scholarship  
10 programs. This appropriation shall not lapse and shall continue to be available until  
11 fully expended.

12       **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective immediately upon  
13 enactment.

14       **Section 6. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to  
15 any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity  
16 *shall not* affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect  
17 without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
18 Act are severable.