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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 clubs, organizations, and community service are important to students and their  
4 social environments for many reasons. Students actively involved in many  
5 organizations will notice patterns that many of the same people are consistent in their  
6 participation. Though this may seem like committed participation, there is a large  
7 opportunity for clubs to excel further with more active members.

1 *I Liheslatura* further finds that clubs, organizations and community service all  
2 positively impact many different types of applications students may pursue, thus  
3 giving incentive to participate shall allow more opportunities for students.

4 *I Liheslatura* further finds that clubs, organizations, and community service  
5 activities allow students to develop many skills, from time management and group  
6 cooperation to communication and goal establishment. These skills can help in  
7 future career and college situations and, by developing them in high school, students  
8 will be better prepared for the many real-world situations they will face once they  
9 graduate.

10 *I Liheslatura* further finds that clubs and organizations also help students  
11 pursue interests they may have and discover other interests just through  
12 participation.

13 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to establish the *Club for Credit*  
14 Program under the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) to encourage students  
15 of GDOE to actively join clubs and organizations at their schools and create success  
16 and pride themselves and their schools as they achieve their organization’s goals.

17 **Section 2.** A new § 4126 of Chapter 4, Division 2, Title 17, Guam Code  
18 Annotated, is hereby *added* to read:

19 **§ 4126. Club for Credit Program Act of 2021**

20 Section 4216 of this Chapter shall be known and cited as the “Club for  
21 Credit Program Act of 2021.”

22 (a). Definitions.

23 For the purposes of § 4127 through § 4132:

- 24 (1) “Club” means any club, organization, or community service  
25 project that is eligible to be considered towards an elective credit  
26 as a graduation requirement. Any club or organization officially

1 chartered/recognized by a respective school shall be eligible for the  
2 “Club for Credit Program.”

3 (2) “Department” means the Guam Department of Education.

4 (3) “Official Body” means a body that is required to monitor the *Club*  
5 *for Credit* Program. The Superintendent of the Guam Department  
6 of Education *shall* appoint this body, whether it be the principal,  
7 assistant principal, guidance counselors, or another person or  
8 group the Superintendent deems as qualified. The appointment of  
9 the Official Body *shall* take place (1) month prior to the start of the  
10 school year.

11 (4) “Advisor” means an adult who is responsible for the club the  
12 student intends to participate in as an elective credit.

13 (5) “Half Credit” and “Credit” means a high school half credit or  
14 credit gained through the *Club for Credit* Program, unless stated  
15 otherwise. These credits *shall* only count as elective credits. No  
16 other subject *shall* be allowed to be substituted except for a  
17 student’s elective requirement for graduation.

18 (6) “Effectiveness” in § 4132 *shall* be defined in a variety of factors,  
19 including, but not limited to, the number of students participating  
20 in the program, the number of students receiving the letter grade  
21 *A* or higher, and the accomplishments of students participating in  
22 the program.

23 (b) Credit Incentive.

24 Any high school student who actively participates in one hundred  
25 twenty (120) hours from a club or two (2) clubs, which aligns  
26 with the Carnegie time requirement used by the Department to  
27 monitor granting of credits, *shall* be eligible for one (1) full

1 elective credit. A student who completes sixty (60) hours of one  
2 (1) club shall be eligible for a half credit. Furthermore, each  
3 student is allotted a maximum of one (1) credit from this Act and  
4 shall not receive credit for any more hours accumulated in any  
5 other club. In order to receive half credit, a student must acquire  
6 sixty (60) hours from two separate clubs. Students shall not  
7 receive a half credit if hours from more than one (1) club are used  
8 towards said half credit.

9 (c) Grade Requirements and Rules.

10 A student may acquire a grade of no more than one hundred (100)  
11 percent, which shall be based on three parts:

12 (1) sixty (60) percent shall be student participation, which shall  
13 be monitored by a document explained in § 4123 of this  
14 Chapter. As long as student participation is established, a  
15 student may receive this grade percentage;

16 (2) twenty (20) percent shall be a bi-weekly assignment  
17 submitted to an Official Body, which shall summarize a  
18 student's accomplishments for that time frame. This  
19 assignment will be submitted to the Official Body for  
20 documentation purposes and shall be subject to review at the  
21 end of the semester, alongside the student's semester project;  
22 and

23 (3) twenty (20) percent shall be a semester project, which shall  
24 be a showcase-style project presented in either a multimedia  
25 presentation, poster board display, video project or other  
26 medium that accurately justifies a student's grade for  
27 participating in this program. Students shall be notified of this

1 project as soon as they start the process of establishing their  
2 credit and be given the whole semester to complete this  
3 project. The student's grade for this program shall be updated  
4 via PowerSchool by the Official Body, where a student may  
5 track his or her progress online.

6 (d) Club Fair Project Expo.

7 Students participating in the Club for Credit Program shall  
8 present their projects during a Club Fair Project Expo, where the  
9 Official Body shall observe a student's presentation of their club  
10 and organization. The Official Body shall grade students on their  
11 project presentations. These expos shall occur every semester,  
12 allowing for club participation and membership to be encouraged  
13 both during the school year. The Club for Credit Program shall  
14 be mentioned throughout the course of the event. This fair may  
15 be presented during the school's elective fair, or happen at a  
16 different time during lunch, so as not to affect students' other  
17 classes.

18 (e) Enrollment Process and Documents.

19 The Department shall create four (4) documents for enrollment  
20 in the Club for Credit Program:

21 (1) A written consent form with signatures from the student's  
22 parents/guardian (if the student is a minor), advisor,  
23 educational counselor, and principal (or other available  
24 member of school administration), approving the use of a club  
25 towards their graduation credit requirements.

26 (2) A syllabus or course description that explains the  
27 requirements to earn the full percentage that shall be

1 disseminated to the student after said student's inquiry along  
2 with the first document above, and shall include the rubrics  
3 for both the bi-weekly assignment as well as the semester  
4 project.

5 (3) A monitor form that would keep track of the amount of hours  
6 accrued in a club over the course of the school year, which  
7 shall be signed by the Official Body and the advisor, each  
8 time an activity is completed.

9 (4) A certificate honoring the student's completion of required  
10 hours, which shall be included in a student's file in the event  
11 a student needs to be present their hours to an authority figure  
12 or to include in a résumé.

13 The sequence above does not denominate any order of  
14 importance. The sequence indicates the chronological order  
15 to which the students shall follow.

16 (f) Public Relations and Bookkeeping.

17 Once enacted, the Club for Credit Program shall be advertised to  
18 all schools under the Department in mediums including, but not  
19 limited to, bulletins, Parent Teacher Student Associations  
20 meetings, posters, etc.

21 Furthermore, a statistical analysis of the effectiveness of the Club  
22 for Credit Program shall occur at the end of every school year  
23 for two (2) school years and be presented to the Superintendent  
24 of the Department, the Guam Board of Education, members of I  
25 LiheSlaturan Guåhan, and members of I Kongressun Manhoben  
26 Guåhan. At the second school year after the Club for Credit  
27 Program's enactment, the Department shall be required to

1                   publicize the status of this program to the general public means  
2                   of a Guam Education Board meeting or some other means that  
3                   the Department finds suitable.”

4           **Section 3. Effective Date.** The provisions of this Act *shall* become effective  
5 during the Guam Department of Education School Year 2024-2025.