

*I Mina'trentai Siette Na Lihelaturan Guåhan*  
**BILL STATUS**

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**2024 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 317-37 (COR)**

As amended in the Committee of the Whole.

Introduced by:

Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas  
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**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE OPERATION OF GUAM  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS THAT ARE AWAITING  
INSPECTION FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025.**

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

2           **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds  
3 that because of the stringent inspection regulations placed upon Guam public schools  
4 and the short timeframe given to the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) to  
5 comply with these regulations, nineteen (19) public schools around the island will  
6 not meet the inspection deadline of June 30, 2024 and will not be allowed to operate  
7 for School Year 2024-2025, forcing the schools that are allowed to operate to  
8 accommodate the students of these nineteen (19) schools and create undue stress to  
9 our education system. These nineteen (19) schools have safety regulations and  
10 standards in place and are deemed usable, so condemning these schools because they  
11 are pending inspection is unreasonable.

12           With this, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* intends to enact legislation to allow the  
13 operation of public schools that are awaiting inspection for the upcoming school  
14 year. Allowing the operation of Guam's public schools while awaiting inspection  
15 will prevent stress on our education system, allow the children of Guam to continue

1 their education in a regular manner, and prevent their parents from being subjected  
2 to the irregular schedules that will be created if the schools are shut down.

3 **Section 2. Authorization to Operate Guam Public Schools for**  
4 **School Year 2024-2025.**

5 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Guam Department of  
6 Education (GDOE) is hereby authorized to operate schools that are awaiting  
7 inspection for School Year 2024-2025 only after such schools have provided a  
8 written request for an inspection to the Division of Environmental Health of the  
9 Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS). Such schools may  
10 operate until the inspection is complete. GDOE schools that have failed inspection  
11 may continue to operate at the discretion and approval of the Superintendent of  
12 GDOE and the Director of the Guam Department of Public Health and Social  
13 Services (DPHSS).

14 **Section 3. Conditional Use.**

15 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department of Public Health  
16 and Social Services (DPHSS), for School Year 2024-2025, may allow a Guam  
17 Department of Education (GDOE) school that has failed its DPHSS inspection to  
18 operate conditionally, pending correction of any environmental health violations  
19 under Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, Chapters 20 through 40, or any rules and  
20 regulations promulgated concerning sanitary permits. Such conditional use may only  
21 be granted after GDOE submits to DPHSS a corrective action plan to address  
22 deficiencies and violations identified during a school's failed inspection. DPHSS  
23 shall set a prescribed timeline, which shall not exceed one hundred eighty (180)  
24 days, to which the deficiencies must be corrected in order to continue to operate.  
25 DPHSS may conduct on-site inspections of schools to ensure the submitted  
26 corrective action plan is being implemented. The lack of implementation of a

1 corrective action plan may be grounds for termination of the conditional use  
2 permitted by this Section.

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

4 **Section 5. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any  
5 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall not  
6 affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without the  
7 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are  
8 severable.