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AN ACT TO AMEND §23111(g)(2) OF CHAPTER 23, DIVISION 2, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, TO AUTHORIZING RELATIVE THE USE OF MILEAGE EARNED THROUGH CREDIT CARD PURCHASES AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM, TO SUPPORT STUDENT TRAVEL **INVOLVING ACADEMIC, SPORTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the implementation of the government of Guam's mileage program, specifically the *Senator Edward J. Cruz Medical Referral Mileage Bank Account Act* (referenced as "P.L. 31-117"), recognized the difficult financial environment many families on Guam continue to face when a family member requires medical treatment abroad. The use of mileage earned through government travel to help indigent citizens receive medical treatment, not currently available on Guam, continues to offer much
 needed hope for patients and their families.

I Liheslatura further finds, however, that approximately Ten Million (10,000,000) miles, which were accrued through government of Guam credit card purchases, remain unused. These miles are separate and apart from those miles required by P.L. 31-117 to be available for travel by medically indigent patients.

8 It is, therefore, the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to authorize the use 9 of mileage earned through government of Guam credit card purchases to 10 support student travel involving academic, sports and cultural activities. *I* 11 *Liheslatura* intends to help provide students in Guam's public schools the 12 means to participate in various academic, sports and cultural activities off 13 island, which will contribute to strengthening their academic, physical and 14 social development.

Section 2. Mileage Accrued Through Use of Credit Card Purchases.
§23111(g)(2) of Chapter 23, Division 2, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, is
hereby *amended*, to read:

18 "(g) Deposit of Mileage.

(1) The Department is hereby authorized to become a member
of the travel benefits program as it relates to travel mileage
instituted by any and all airlines serving Guam, and shall enter
into an agreement with an airline to accrue travel mileage

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credits for employees traveling on government and/or federally
 funded travel.

(2) The Department shall enter into an agreement with a bank 3 on Guam for a credit card to use as payment for travel for 4 employees traveling on government and/or federally funded 5 travel, and to accrue mileage-, which shall be used exclusively 6 for student travel involving academic, sports and cultural 7 8 activities, as authorized by the Superintendent of Education. Authorized activities include, but shall not be limited to off-9 island events outlined in P.L. 31-132, including arts and 10 11 humanities competitions, international cultural festivals and 12 exchanges, the Junior Statesman Foundation, the National Science Fair, the Mock Trial, the Forensic League, and Close 13 14 <u>Up.</u>"

15 Memorandum of Agreement. The Director of the Section 3. 16 Department of Administration shall establish a Memorandum of Agreement with the Superintendent of Education to effectively administer 17 18 the provisions of this Act. The terms and conditions of the Memorandum 19 of Agreement shall not be in conflict with the rules and regulations established for the Senator Edward J. Cruz Medical Referral Mileage Bank 20 21 Account, as required by §23111(l) of Chapter 23, Division 2, Title 5, Guam 22 Code Annotated.

Section 4. Unused Mileage. Unused mileage earned from credit
 card purchases, prior to the implementation of this Act, shall be reserved
 for student travel, subject to the terms and conditions of the Memorandum
 of Agreement established in accordance with Section 3 of this Act.

5 Section 5. Effective Date. This Act shall be effective upon
6 enactment.