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**AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 4106.2 TO
CHAPTER 4, TITLE 17 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED
RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE "E-READER
TEXTBOOK SUPPLEMENT PILOT PROGRAM" IN
GUAM SCHOOLS.**

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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 technology has become a cornerstone of the global economy. We must
4 ensure that our education system adequately prepares our students to face the
5 realities of the 21st century.

6 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that Guam's schools lag behind the
7 nation in the implementation of technology in the classroom. Efforts must be
8 made to increase Guam's students' exposure to technology as an instrument
9 for education.

10 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that Guam's youth are already
11 exposed to many modern technologies used primarily for entertainment

1 purposes. It is the goal of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to expand this interest in
2 technology into education and learning.

3 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to launch a pilot
4 program aimed at introducing e-book readers (eReaders), or a comparable
5 device, to Guam's schoolchildren.

6 **Section 2.** Section 4106.2 of Chapter 4, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated,
7 is hereby *added* to read:

8 **"§ 4106.2. eReader Textbook Supplement Pilot Program.**

9 (a) The Department of Education shall institute a pilot program
10 in which the kindergarten classes at three (3) public elementary schools
11 will be supplied with e-book readers (eReaders) or a comparable device
12 as a supplement to standard textbooks. Of the three designated schools,
13 one shall be a northern school, one shall be a central school, and one
14 shall be a southern school.

15 (b) The Department shall have responsibility of drafting the
16 parameters and objectives of the pilot program, to include all
17 administrative rules and regulations regarding use of the devices
18 including a user policy.

19 (c) The Department shall develop performance measures to
20 gauge the effectiveness of the program, and shall perform due diligence
21 to ensure that accurate data regarding the program is collected and
22 studied.

1 (d) The Department shall have discretion to amend and adjust
2 the parameters of the program as it is being conducted. However, the
3 program shall not be discontinued until no less than two (2) school years
4 have elapsed from the date of commencement.”

5 **Section 3. Effective Date.** No later than ninety (90) days proceeding the
6 passage of this act, the Department of Education shall transmit to the Speaker
7 of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan, I Maga’Låhen Guåhan* and the Chairman of the Guam
8 Education Policy Board a completed program plan. Subsequently, the pilot
9 program shall commence, subject to the availability of funds, at the first
10 school year after the transmittal of the program plan to the aforementioned
11 entities.

12 **Section 4. Severability.** *If* any provision of this Law or its application
13 to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such
14 invalidity shall *not* affect other provisions or applications of this Law which
15 can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this
16 end the provisions of this Law are severable.