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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 school psychologists play a critical role in supporting the mental health,
4 learning, and social-emotional adjustment of students in Guam's public schools.
5 School psychologists provide essential services including psychoeducational
6 assessment, counseling, consultation with educators and families, and the
7 development of programs designed to promote healthy learning environments.

8 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that there is currently no specific
9 licensure framework for school psychologists in Guam, and that the absence of such
10 a framework leaves students without the assurance that the professionals serving
11 them have met rigorous, standardized qualifications in school psychology.

12 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that establishing clear qualifications for
13 the licensure of school psychologists protects students and their families by ensuring

1 that practitioners possess the requisite education, supervised experience, and
2 demonstrated competency to deliver school-based psychological services. A
3 licensure framework also aligns Guam with nationally recognized professional
4 standards for school psychology practice.

5 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that psychologists currently employed by
6 the Guam Department of Education who are providing school psychology services
7 should be recognized and protected through a grandfather provision to ensure
8 continuity of services to students during the transition to the new licensure
9 requirements.

10 It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to establish a comprehensive
11 licensure framework for school psychologists under the Guam Board of Allied
12 Health Examiners by adding a new Article 12A to Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code
13 Annotated, setting forth definitions, qualifications for licensure, and a grandfather
14 provision for current Guam Department of Education psychologists. It is further the
15 intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to amend the definitions of “The Healing Art” in
16 §12101(b) and the allied health professions list in §12802(a) of Chapter 12, Title 10,
17 Guam Code Annotated, to include school psychology as a recognized healing art and
18 licensed allied health profession on Guam.

19 **Section 2.** A new Article 12A is hereby *added* to Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam
20 Code Annotated, to read:

21 **ARTICLE 12A**

22 **SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY**

23 **§12A1201. Definitions.**

24 For purposes of this Article, the following words and phrases shall have the
25 meanings assigned to them:

1 (a) ‘Practice of school psychology’ means the rendering or offering
2 to render to an individual, a group, an organization, a government agency, or
3 the public, any of the following services:

4 (1) Assessment, which includes psychoeducational,
5 developmental, and vocational assessment; evaluation and
6 interpretation of intelligence, aptitudes, interests, academic
7 achievement, adjustment, and motivations, or any other attributes, in
8 individuals or groups, that relate to learning, educational, or adjustment
9 needs.

10 (2) Counseling, which includes short-term situation-oriented
11 professional interaction with children, parents, or other adults for
12 amelioration or prevention of learning and adjustment problems.
13 Counseling services related to the practice of school psychology
14 include verbal interaction, interviewing, behavior techniques,
15 developmental and vocational intervention, environmental
16 management, and group processes.

17 (3) Consultation, which includes psychoeducational,
18 developmental, and vocational assistance or direct educational services
19 to schools, agencies, organizations, families, or individuals related to
20 learning problems and adjustments to those problems.

21 (4) Development of programs, which includes designing,
22 implementing, or evaluating educationally and psychologically sound
23 learning environments; acting as a catalyst for teacher involvement in
24 adaptations and innovations; and facilitating the psychoeducational
25 development of individual families or groups.

26 (b) ‘School psychology’ means the subspecialty of psychology that
27 is primarily concerned with pupils or students in the public-school system.

1 (c) ‘School psychologist’ means a person duly licensed under this
2 Article to practice school psychology.

3 (d) ‘Board’ means the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners.

4 **§ 12A1202. Qualifications for Licensure.** An applicant for licensure as a
5 school psychologist must:

6 (a) Hold a doctoral or master’s degree in School Psychology,
7 Educational Psychology, or Counseling Psychology from a regionally
8 accredited institution of higher learning in the United States.

9 (b) Provide documentation demonstrating completion of a
10 practicum, consisting of a minimum of one thousand two hundred (1,200)
11 hours, of which six hundred (600) hours must be in a public school system or
12 equivalent structured experience within the applicant’s graduate degree
13 program, under the supervision of a licensed school psychologist, educational
14 psychologist, or counseling psychologist.

15 (c) Pass the Praxis II School Psychology Examination.

16 (d) Demonstrate graduate-level coursework in each of the following
17 areas:

18 (1) Psychological Foundations:

19 (A) the biological bases of behavior.

20 (B) the required or learned bases of behavior, including
21 personality theory, human development, and abnormal behavior.

22 (C) the social, cultural, and systematic bases of
23 behavior; and

24 (D) the individual or unique bases of behavior,
25 including personality theory, human development, and abnormal
26 behavior.

27 (2) Research and Statistics:

1 (A) the methodology used to investigate questions and
2 acquire knowledge in the practice of school psychology; and

3 (B) research design and methodology, statistics, critical
4 thinking, and scientific inquiry.

5 (3) Applied Psychology:

6 (A) the history, theory, and application of psychological
7 principles; and

8 (B) the application of psychological theories to
9 individuals, families, and groups.

10 (4) Assessment:

11 (A) intelligence, personality, cognitive, physical, and
12 emotional abilities, skills, interests, and aptitudes; and

13 (B) psychosocial, including behavioral, adaptive, and
14 cultural considerations in assessment.

15 (5) Interventions:

16 (A) the application of therapeutic techniques.

17 (B) behavior management; and

18 (C) consultation with teachers, school support staff, and
19 management.

20 (6) Professional, Legal, and Ethical Issues.

21 § 12A1203 Grandfather Provision. All psychologists who hold a current
22 position with the Guam Department of Education at the time this Article becomes
23 law shall be deemed to hold a current, valid license issued by the Guam Board of
24 Allied Health Examiners as a school psychologist under this Article. The Guam
25 Board of Allied Health Examiners shall issue a physical version of such license
26 within ninety (90) days upon enactment of this Article.

1 **Section 3.** § 12101(b) of Article 12 Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code
2 Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

3 “(b) ‘The Healing Art’ means the art of prevention, detecting or
4 attempting to detect the presence of any disease; of determining or attempting
5 to determine the nature and state of any disease, if present; or preventing,
6 relieving, correcting or curing of or attempting to prevent, relieve, correct or
7 cure any disease; of safeguarding or attempting to safeguard the life of any
8 woman or infant through pregnancy and parturition; and of doing or
9 attempting to do any of the acts enumerated in this Subsection. The healing
10 arts include, but are not limited to, acupuncture and oriental medicine,
11 audiology, chiropractic, clinical psychology, school psychology, licensed
12 professional counseling, licensed mental health counseling, marriage and
13 family therapy, cosmetology, dentistry, medicine, surgery, osteopathy,
14 nursing, nursing home administration, nutrition and dietetics, occupational
15 therapy, optometry, pharmacy, physical therapy, respiratory therapy, speech-
16 language pathology, and veterinary medicine.”

17 **Section 4.** § 12802(a)(16) to Article 8, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code
18 Annotated, is hereby *added* to read:

19 “(a) Professions. For purposes of this Act, the following allied health
20 professions shall be licensed under the Guam Board of Allied Health
21 Examiners:

22 (1) ‘Acupuncture’ and ‘Oriental Medicine’ shall mean the
23 science and art of examination and diagnosis based on traditional
24 oriental medicine, and treatment of symptoms and diseases by the
25 insertion of needles into the respective three hundred sixty-five (365)
26 major trigger points of twelve (12) meridians, eight (8) extra trigger
27 points of extra meridians, Ashi (regional or local) points, as well as

1 other extra points on the human body, by piercing the skin of the body
2 to control and regulate the flow and balance of vital energy in the body
3 and to treat ailments or diseases of the mind, body, any wound, bodily
4 injury, or deformity. The term includes therapies that use manual,
5 mechanical, thermal, electrical, or electromagnetic treatment based on
6 the principles of oriental medicine to prevent or modify the perception
7 of pain or to normalize physiological functions including pain control
8 for the treatment of diseases or dysfunction of the Yin and Yang organic
9 systems, and includes the application of acupuncture needles, electro-
10 acupuncture, electro-dynamics stimulation, i.e., electro-stimulation,
11 neuromuscular stimulation, etc., ultrasound, or diathermy devices, cold
12 lasers, magnets, cupping, moxibustion, heat and cold therapy, i.e., heat
13 and cold pads, heat lamp, infrared heat, etc., hydrotherapy, acupressure,
14 Tui Na, oriental massage, massage therapy, Chi-gong, breathing
15 techniques, therapeutic exercise, manual traction, natural medicine
16 techniques, and nutrition, including the incorporation of drugless
17 substances and herbs as dietary supplements to promote health.
18 Ordering blood and laboratory tests, x-rays, or image tests to assist in
19 making a diagnosis and monitoring a treatment plan is within the scope
20 of practice of acupuncture and oriental medicine. It shall exclude
21 operative surgery and the prescription of scheduled drugs.

22 (2) 'Audiology' shall mean the application of principles,
23 methods and procedures for measurement, testing, evaluation,
24 prediction, counseling, selling, instruction, habilitation or rehabilitation
25 related to hearing aids or ear molds, including the fitting of such
26 devices, or disorders of hearing for the purpose of evaluation,

1 identifying preventing, rehabilitating, ameliorating or modifying such
2 disorders and conditions in individuals.

3 (3) 'Chiropractic' shall mean the science, art, and philosophy
4 of things natural, the science of locating and removing interference with
5 the transmissions or expression of nerve forces in the human body, by
6 the correction of misalignments or subluxation of the articulations and
7 adjacent structures, more especially those of the vertebral column and
8 pelvis, for the purpose of restoring and maintaining health. It shall
9 include the use of all natural agencies to assist in the healing art, such
10 as food, water, heat, cold, electricity, mechanical appliances, and the
11 ordering of laboratory tests. The use of imaging procedures shall be
12 limited to skeletal imaging and shall exclude the therapeutic use of X-
13 radiation, the use of contrast studies that introduce dyes, isotopes, or
14 similar contrast media through the skin, orally, via catheterization or
15 retrograde into any body cavity. It shall exclude operative surgery and
16 the prescription of scheduled drugs.

17 (4) 'Clinical psychology' shall mean the subspecialty in
18 psychology which is primarily concerned with assessing and alleviating
19 emotional, mental and behavioral disorders in a hospital, institution or
20 other clinical setting.

21 (5) 'Individual, marriage and family therapy' shall mean the
22 intervention of a licensed therapist in assisting clients in individual,
23 marriage and family therapy.

24 (6) 'Occupational therapy' shall mean the evaluation and
25 treatment provided to people whose lives have been disrupted by
26 physical injury, illness, developmental problems, the aging process, or
27 psychosocial or cognitive difficulties. Treatment entails the assessment,

1 evaluation and treatment to assist each individual to achieve or return
2 to an independent and productive life through techniques which prevent
3 disability, assisting the individual in recovery from illness or accident,
4 and by promoting the development of functions which may have been
5 impaired or delayed. The treatment provided may include, but shall not
6 be limited to, the adaptation of the environment and the selection,
7 design and fabrication of assistive and orthotic devices, and other
8 technology to facilitate development and promote the acquisition of
9 functional skills through purposeful activity.

10 (7) 'Physical Therapy' means the utilization of scientific
11 principles for the evaluation and treatment of any disability, injury or
12 disease by the use of physical, chemical or mechanical means,
13 including, but not limited to, heat, cold, air, light, sound, electricity,
14 water, massage, therapeutic exercise and rehabilitative procedures, with
15 or without assistive devices, for the purpose of preventing, correcting
16 or alleviating dysfunction resulting from such disability, injury or
17 disease; the performance of tests and measurements of neuromuscular
18 function as an aid to the diagnosis or treatment of human condition;
19 performance of treatments on the basis of test findings; supervision of
20 selective forms of treatment by trained supportive personnel; dry
21 needling, but only as provided in this Article and by Board rules and
22 regulations; and the provision of consultative services for health,
23 education and community agencies; provided, however, that physical
24 therapy shall not include radiology or electrosurgery. Physical therapy
25 and physical therapy services are not generic terms; they are the use of
26 any intervention, including physical agent modalities/ electrotherapy,

1 that is provided by, or under the direction of, a licensed, physical
2 therapist.

3 (8) 'Physician assistant' shall mean a Board licensed person,
4 qualified by academic and practical training, who provides patient
5 services under the indirect supervision of a licensed physician. A
6 physician assistant is not an independent practitioner.

7 (9) 'Podiatric medicine' shall mean the diagnosis, medical,
8 surgical, mechanical, manipulative, and electrical treatment of the
9 human foot and ankle, including the tendons that insert into the foot,
10 and the non-surgical treatment of the muscles and tendons of the leg
11 governing the functions of the foot.

12 (10) 'Speech-language pathology' shall mean the application of
13 principles, methods and procedures for the measurement, testing,
14 evaluation, prediction, counseling, introduction, habilitation or
15 rehabilitation related to the development and disorders of speech, voice,
16 fluency or language, for the purposes of evaluating, identifying,
17 treating, preventing, ameliorating or modifying such disorders and
18 conditions in individuals or groups of individuals.

19 (11) 'Veterinary medicine' shall mean veterinary surgery,
20 obstetrics, dentistry means to diagnose, treat, correct, change, relieve or
21 prevent animal disease, deformity, defect, injury or other physical or
22 mental condition, including the prescription or administration of any
23 drug, medicine, biologic, apparatus, application, anesthetic, or
24 therapeutic or diagnostic substance or technique, or the use of any
25 manual or mechanical procedure for artificial insemination, testing for
26 pregnancy or for correcting sterility or infertility, or to render advice or
27 recommendation with regard to any of the above;

1 (12) ‘Respiratory Therapy’ means the treatment and the
2 management of pulmonary diseases with medications and machines
3 provided to patients ‘whose condition or illness is that of (breathing).’

4 (13) ‘Dietetics and Nutrition Practice’ shall mean the
5 integration and application of scientific principles derived from the
6 study of food, nutrition, biochemistry, metabolism, nutrigenomics,
7 physiology, food management, and from behavioral and social sciences
8 in achieving and maintaining health throughout the life span and in
9 providing nutrition care services, including medical nutrition therapy;
10 assessing and evaluating the nutritional needs of individuals and
11 groups, and determining resources and constraints in the practice
12 setting, including ordering nutrition-related laboratory tests to check
13 and track nutrition status and monitor effectiveness of dietary plans and
14 orders; establishing priorities, goals and objectives that meet nutritional
15 needs and are consistent with available resources and constraints;
16 providing nutrition counseling in health and disease; developing,
17 implementing, and managing nutrition care systems; evaluating,
18 making changes in, and maintaining appropriate standards of quality in
19 food and nutrition services; and ordering therapeutic diets, for the
20 prevention, management, and treatment of disease. This term includes,
21 but is not limited to, nutrition assessment; nutrition diagnosis; nutrition
22 intervention, including the ordering of patient diets, nutritional
23 supplements; monitoring and evaluation of nutrition care plans;
24 nutrition support, including the ordering of enteral and parental
25 nutrition, medical food; dietary and nutritional counseling and
26 education regarding food, nutrient and prescription drug interactions;
27 and the development and administration of nutrition care standards and

1 systems. The practice of dietetics and nutrition does not include the
2 medical differential diagnosis of the health status of an individual.

3 (14) ‘Home Nursing Administration’ means the leadership
4 requirement to manage a home nursing institution.

5 (15) ‘Other allied health professions’ shall mean those allied
6 health profession not having separate Board of Examiners enacted by *I*
7 *Liheslaturan Guðhan* that the Board of Allied Health Examiners
8 incorporates into the licensing procedure under this Act.

9 (16) ‘School psychology’ shall mean the subspecialty of
10 psychology that is primarily concerned with pupils or students in the
11 public-school system, including the provision of assessment,
12 counseling, consultation, and program development services related to
13 learning, educational, and adjustment needs.’”

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

19 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon enactment.