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BE IT ENACTED BY THE YOUTH OF GUAM:

Section 1. Short Title. This Act shall be known as the "School Waste Management and Recycling Support Act of 2025."

Section 2. Legislative Intent and Purpose. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that proper waste management and recycling practices are critical to preserving the environmental health, cleanliness, and sustainability of our island. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that schools play a central role in shaping the habits and values of students, who are the future stewards of Guåhan's natural resources. However, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that many schools currently lack sufficient, clearly labeled trash and recycling receptacles, which

contributes to littering, improper waste disposal, and the underutilization of recycling opportunities.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds it necessary to encourage sustainable behavior and environmental education at an early age, while also providing schools with the resources and requirements necessary to implement proper waste management programs. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* intends for this legislation to promote the placement of clearly marked trash and recycling bins in all accessible areas of schools, ensure the regular maintenance of these receptacles, and support student education on environmental responsibility, thereby fostering a culture of sustainability throughout *Guåhan's* school system.

Section 3. A new § 51605 is hereby *added* to Chapter 51 of Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

"§ 51605. School Waste Management and Recycling Support Program.

(a) All public and private schools operating within Guam shall make available, maintain, and ensure the continued accessibility of waste and recycling receptacles in areas commonly utilized by students, faculty, and staff.

(b) Each school shall adopt and implement internal procedures to promote the appropriate separation and disposal of waste materials and shall take reasonable measures to ensure the upkeep and sanitary condition of any receptacles placed on school premises.

(c) The Guam Department of Education, in consultation with the Guam Environmental Protection Agency, shall promulgate general guidelines to assist public schools in the development of practices relating to the placement, maintenance, and educational use of waste and recycling receptacles, including but not limited to, the integration of environmental stewardship within existing instructional or extracurricular frameworks.

(d) The Guam Environmental Protection Agency shall provide

advisory and technical support to all public, private, and charter schools and may conduct monitoring or outreach activities consistent with promoting waste reduction and recycling education on school campuses.

(e) Schools may coordinate with private sector entities or community organizations for purposes of implementing or enhancing waste management and recycling efforts undertaken pursuant to this Section."

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

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