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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that pursuant to §715(l)(13) of Chapter 7, Title 1, Guam Code Annotated, Guam's public schools are required to provide at least one hundred eighty (180) instructional days, or its equivalent, during each school year. However, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* recognizes that extraordinary circumstances, including natural disasters, severe

weather associated with El Niño, and public health emergencies, may disrupt regular school operations and prevent schools from meeting these requirements.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that School Year 2026–2027 has already presented significant challenges for students and educators. Following the failure of public health inspections at the Tiyan campus in August 2026, students from Simon Sanchez High School and Tiyan High School were displaced from their campus for nearly two months. As a result, GDOE implemented double-session schedules, with Simon Sanchez High School students attending Okkodo High School and Tiyan High School students attending George Washington High School. These arrangements have disrupted instructional schedules, transportation, and school operations, affecting thousands of students across multiple campuses.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that these challenges were compounded by Typhoon Champi, which forced GDOE to suspend classes on October 19 and 20, 2026, to protect the safety of students, teachers, and school personnel. Several public-school facilities were also utilized as emergency shelters for residents seeking refuge during the storm. Following these disruptions, the Committee on Education, Libraries, and Public Broadcasting received a letter from GDOE requesting legislative approval to waive the statutory requirement of one hundred eighty (180) instructional days, or its equivalent, for School Year 2026–2027, specifically addressing the two (2) instructional days missed due to Typhoon Champi.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan recognizes that our students have already experienced significant disruptions to their education due to school closures, double-session schedules, and natural disasters. This waiver is intended to provide GDOE with the necessary flexibility to manage its academic calendar while maintaining its responsibility to provide a safe, sanitary, and adequate public education for every student on Guam.

Section 2. §715(1)(13) of Chapter 7, Title 1, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

"(13) at least one hundred eighty (180) instructional days, or its equivalence, including make-up hours each school year with school years ending no later than thirty (30) days following the end of the calendared school year; provided, that the Guam Department of Education is exempt from the requirements of this §715(1)(13) for School Years 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, ~~and~~ 2025-2026, and 2026-2027."

Section 3. The Guam Department of Education *shall* provide a report detailing learning loss, interventions, and outcomes of interventions of all students enrolled for School Year 2026 through 2027 to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* by November 30, 2027.

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 become effective upon enactment.