


I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
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Bill No. 1 (8-S)

Introduced by:

Committee on Rules 
by request of *I Maga'lahaen*
Guahan, the Acting Governor
of Guam, in accordance with
the Organic Act of Guam.

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1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings.**

3 The construction of the new Simon Sanchez High School is a critical public
4 infrastructure project necessary to provide a safe, stable, and adequate educational
5 environment for Guam's students. Delays in the procurement and construction of the
6 project have resulted in continued disruption to students and school operations and
7 have prolonged reliance on temporary and interim arrangements.

8 Interim measures, including temporary facilities and operational adjustments,
9 do not eliminate the disruption to students or the impacts of continued delay and
10 cannot substitute for completion of a permanent facility. Students affected by the
11 delayed construction have already experienced significant disruption to instruction,
12 including periods of remote learning during the COVID-19 pandemic, and further
13 delay will compound those impacts. Further delay in awarding and performing the
14 contract during the pendency of any protest or appeal will extend these disruptions
15 and increase the overall cost and timeline of the project.

1 The Legislature finds that it is necessary to authorize immediate award and
2 performance of the contract to protect the substantial interests of the Government of
3 Guam.

4 Nothing in this Act eliminates the authority of the courts to consider requests
5 for equitable relief consistent with established principles of law; however, such relief
6 must be considered in a manner that gives substantial weight to the Government's
7 interest in proceeding with critical public projects without undue delay.

8 **Section 2. Authorization to Proceed Notwithstanding Protest or Appeal.**

9 (a) Notwithstanding 5 GCA § 5425 or any other provision of law, the Department of
10 Public Works is authorized to proceed immediately with the award, execution, and
11 performance of the contract for the Simon Sanchez High School project. This
12 authorization applies during the pendency of any protest or appeal, including any
13 proceedings before the Office of Public Auditor or any court of competent
14 jurisdiction.

15 (b) Any protest or appeal related to the procurement of the Simon Sanchez High
16 School project may proceed in accordance with law. In considering any request for
17 injunctive or equitable relief, the court shall give substantial weight to the
18 Legislature's findings that delay in this project would harm the public interest.
19 Relief, if any, shall be limited to monetary damages or other non-disruptive remedies
20 and shall not invalidate or require cessation of contract performance once
21 commenced in good faith, absent a clear showing of fraud or bad faith, consistent
22 with the remedial framework set forth in 5 GCA § 5452.

23 **Section 3. Reporting.** Within thirty (30) days of contract award, and quarterly
24 thereafter until substantial completion, the Department of Public Works shall submit
25 a report to *I Liheslaturan Guahan* summarizing project status, expenditures,
26 schedule, and any material changes.

1 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act is held invalid, such
2 invalidity shall not affect other provisions which can be given effect without the
3 invalid provision.

4 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect immediately upon
5 enactment.