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Bill No. 126-38 (COR)

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**AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW § 28112(d) OF CHAPTER 28,
TITLE 11 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO
EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT AND PROVIDING
SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS FOR OUR YOUTH.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that the condition of public school facilities plays a critical role in student health,
4 safety, and academic success. Many of Guam's schools require urgent repairs and
5 ongoing maintenance. Allocating a dedicated portion of the Use Tax to capital
6 improvement and facilities upkeep will help ensure that students learn in
7 environments that are clean, safe, and conducive to their development.

8 *I Liheslatura* also finds that investing in early childhood education is one of
9 the most effective ways to improve long-term educational outcomes. By supporting
10 programs aligned with the Head Start model, this measure strengthens early learning
11 opportunities for Guam's youngest residents and provides them with the tools they
12 need to thrive from the start.

1 *I Liheslatura* finds that additional funding for instructional materials and
2 curriculum support is necessary to help the Guam Department of Education meet
3 evolving educational standards. Ensuring that classrooms are equipped with updated
4 resources will enhance teaching and learning across all grade levels.

5 *I Liheslaturan* finds that dedicating twenty percent (20%) of Use Tax revenues
6 to public education creates a reliable and predictable funding stream without
7 imposing new tax burdens on residents. This approach allows the government to
8 invest in student success while remaining fiscally responsible.

9 *I Liheslatura* also finds that requiring the allocation of funds within twenty
10 (20) days after collection promotes the timely delivery of services and allows GDOE
11 to address urgent needs more efficiently. This provision will reduce bureaucratic
12 delays and ensure schools receive resources when they are needed most.

13 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that requiring the Superintendent of Education
14 to submit a detailed annual budget fosters accountability and transparency in how
15 funds are used. This process ensures that the Legislature and the public can track the
16 effectiveness of these investments and advocate for students based on clear data.

17 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to establish a dedicated
18 appropriation of twenty percent (20%) of the total Use Tax collected annually to
19 support the Guam Department of Education in maintaining safe learning
20 environments, expanding early childhood programs, and enhancing curriculum
21 resources. This measure reflects our commitment to prioritizing the well-being and
22 academic success of Guam’s youth while promoting responsible and transparent use
23 of public funds.

24 **Section 2.** A new § 28112(d) of Chapter 28, Title 11 Guam Code Annotated
25 is hereby *added* to read as follows:

26 “(d) Sums based on twenty percent (20%) of the total Use Tax collected in the
27 previous fiscal year shall be continuously appropriated to the Guam Department of
28 Education to cover costs associated capital improvement and facilities maintenance,

1 early childhood development aligned with Headstart, and supporting other
2 curriculum needs of the Guam Department of Education. The Superintendent of
3 Education shall submit annually a detailed budget to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.
4 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the monies appropriated by this section,
5 *supra*, shall be allocated to the Guam Department of Education within twenty (20)
6 days following the end of the month that the funds where collected.”

7 **Section 3. Enactment Date.** This act shall be effective on October 1, 2025.

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