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BILL STATUS

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| 372-38 (LS) | Committee on Child Welfare, Youth Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women's Affairs, Disability Services, the Arts, Culture, Historic Preservation and Hagåtña Restoration<br>by request of I Kongressun Manhoben Guåhan, the Guam Youth Congress, in accordance with 2 GCA § 7102 | AN ACT TO <i>ADD</i> A NEW § 61.75 TO CHAPTER 61, TITLE 9, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING PENALTIES AND INTERVENTION MEASURES FOR JUVENILES CONVICTED OF OFFENSES RELATED TO RIOTS, DISORDERLY CONDUCT, AND SCHOOL-RELATED VIOLENCE, TO BE KNOWN AS "THE JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY AND PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 2025." | 10/15/26<br>12:41 p.m. |               |               |              |                     |                             |       |

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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE YOUTH OF GUAM:**

**Section 1. Legislative Intent and Purpose.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds  
that the rise in school violence and juvenile delinquency on Guam

presents a growing threat to the safety of students, teachers, and the broader island  
community. Incidents of disorderly conduct, harassment, rioting, and other  
disruptive behaviors have increasingly plagued schools and public spaces, creating  
an environment of fear and instability. These acts not only jeopardize the well-  
being of individuals but also undermine the educational experience of all students.

*I Liheslatura* intends to reinforce the principle that bad  
actions lead to bad consequences by holding juvenile offenders accountable for

1 their misconduct. By implementing stricter penalties—including monetary fines,  
2 restitution, and mandatory community service— *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
3 seeks to deter youth from engaging in criminal behavior while fostering a greater  
4 sense of responsibility for their actions *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
5 emphasizes that acts outlined in Chapter 61 of Title 9, Guam Code Annotated, will  
6 not be tolerated, most especially when they occur in school environments or other  
7 places intended for public use, to include public parks and recreation areas.

8 Recognizing that parental supervision plays a critical role in preventing  
9 juvenile delinquency, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* also places greater  
10 accountability on parents and legal guardians. By holding them jointly responsible  
11 for fines, restitution, and the supervision of court-ordered community service, *I*  
12 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* seeks to ensure that parents take an active role in  
13 guiding their children away from criminal activity. Parents must be aware of their  
14 children’s whereabouts and behaviors, reinforcing the expectation that minors  
15 should not be engaging in unlawful activities.

16 Furthermore, by requiring juveniles to complete community service—  
17 preferably at schools or public areas affected by their crimes— *I Liheslaturan*  
18 *Guåhan* aims to instill a sense of accountability and encourage  
19 offenders to make amends for the harm they have caused. The goal is not merely to  
20 punish but to both educate and rehabilitate, ensuring that young offenders  
21 understand the consequences of their actions while giving back to the community  
22 they have impacted.

23 Through these measures, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* seeks to curb  
24 school violence, restore order in our public spaces, and reinforce the importance of  
25 parental responsibility in shaping the behavior of Guam’s youth. By taking a firm  
26 yet rehabilitative approach, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* strives to promote  
27 safer schools, stronger families, and a more responsible generation of future  
28 citizens.

1           **Section 2.** A new § 61.75 is hereby *added* to Chapter 61, Title 9, Guam  
2 Code Annotated, to read as follows:

3           **“§ 61.75. Crimes Committed by Juvenile Offenders. Defined &**  
4 **Punished.**

5           (a) For the purposes of this Chapter, a juvenile offender *shall be* defined  
6 as any individual who, at the time of the commission of the alleged offense,  
7 has not yet reached the age of eighteen (18) years.

8           (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule, or regulation to the  
9 contrary, any juvenile offender convicted of an offense under § 61.10, §  
10 61.15, § 61.20, § 61.25, § 61.30, § 61.35, § 61.40, § 61.45, or § 61.50 of this  
11 Chapter, in addition to any other penalty prescribed by statute, *shall be*  
12 subject to the following sanctions:

13           (1) The court *shall* impose a monetary fine not to exceed one  
14 thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for a first offense, not to  
15 exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for a second offense, and  
16 not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each subsequent  
17 offense. The parents or legal guardian of the juvenile offender *may*  
18 *be* jointly and severally liable for the full payment of such fines. In  
19 the event that the parents or legal guardian fail to satisfy the  
20 imposed fine, the court *may* order the placement of a lien upon the  
21 real or personal property of the parents or legal guardian in an  
22 amount sufficient to satisfy the fine and any associated court costs.

23           (2) If the commission of the offense results in damage to or loss of  
24 property belonging to any person or entity, the court *shall* order the  
25 defendant to pay restitution to the victim in an amount and manner  
26 as determined by the court. In cases where the offense results in the  
27 destruction, defacement, removal, or impairment of property, the

1 defendant or if a juvenile offender, his or her parents or legal  
2 guardians, *may be* jointly and severally liable for the cost of  
3 restoration or replacement of the affected property, subject to the  
4 oversight and supervision of the property owner or an appointed  
5 representative of the court. The parents or legal guardians *may*  
6 additionally be required to provide appropriate supervision to  
7 ensure compliance with this provision.

8 (3) The juvenile offender *shall* be required to perform no fewer than  
9 one hundred eighty (180) hours and no more than three hundred  
10 sixty (360) hours of community service, as determined by the  
11 court. If the offense was committed on the premises of a school  
12 campus or public park, the court *shall*, to the extent practicable,  
13 order that the community service be performed at said school  
14 campus or public park. The parents or legal guardian of the minor  
15 *may be* required to provide supervision during the completion of  
16 the community service obligation. If the court imposes a term of  
17 incarceration as part of the minor's sentence, the entirety of the  
18 community service requirement *shall be* completed prior to the  
19 commencement of such term of incarceration.

20 (4) The court *shall* mandate that the juvenile offender participate in  
21 counseling or educational programs designed to address behavioral  
22 issues, anger management, or substance abuse, as deemed  
23 appropriate by the court. Parents or legal guardians *shall be*  
24 required by the court to attend parental responsibility classes to  
25 reinforce their role in preventing future offenses.

26 (5) Following any term of incarceration or community service, the  
27 juvenile offender shall be placed on probation for a period not to

1                   exceed one (1) year. During this probationary period, the juvenile  
2                   shall be required to regularly report to a designated probation  
3                   officer, adhere to a curfew set by the court, and maintain  
4                   satisfactory progress in school or employment. Violation of  
5                   probation terms may result in additional sanctions as determined  
6                   by the court.”

7                   **Section 3. Mandated Public Awareness Campaign.** Upon enactment of  
8 this Act, the Guam Department of Education (GDOE), in collaboration with the  
9 Department of Youth Affairs (DYA), the Guam Police Department (GPD), the  
10 Office of the Attorney General of Guam (OAG), and the Unified Judiciary of  
11 Guam, *shall* launch a public awareness campaign to educate parents and families  
12 about the new penalties under this Act and the importance of responsible parenting  
13 in preventing juvenile delinquency. The campaign will include:

- 14                   (1) Distribution of educational materials outlining the offenses and  
15                   penalties to be posted explicitly on school campuses;  
16                   (2) Parenting workshops and seminars to provide guidance on managing  
17                   youth behavior;  
18                   (3) Public service announcements through media outlets to inform the  
19                   community of the law's implications;  
20                   (4) Engagement with community organizations to reach diverse  
21                   populations; and  
22                   (5) Youth-focused initiatives, including school-based programs and social  
23                   media outreach.

24                   A comprehensive report on the status of this mandated public awareness  
25 campaign *shall* be provided to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and *I Kongressun Manhoben*  
26 *Guåhan* within the first (1<sup>st</sup>) year of the enactment of this Act. Subsequent reports

1 may be provided thereafter by the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) as it  
2 sees fit.

3 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to  
4 any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall  
5 not affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect  
6 without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
7 Act are severable.

8 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective after ninety (90)  
9 days upon enactment.