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BE IT ENACTED BY THE YOUTH OF GUAM:

Section 1. Short Title. This Act shall be known as the "School Zone
Safety Act of 2025."

Legislative Intent and Purpose. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
that ensuring the safety of students traveling to and from school is a matter of
urgent public concern. Every day, hundreds of children walk, bike, or are dropped
off near school zones that often lack adequate traffic control measures. Without
consistent protection such as crosswalk lights, warning signals, and properly
maintained speed bumps, students remain at risk from speeding vehicles and
distracted drivers, particularly during high-traffic morning and afternoon hours.

I Liheslatura further finds that several pedestrian-related

1 accidents and near-miss incidents have occurred near schools in recent years.
2 These incidents not only endanger students but also cause fear and anxiety among
3 parents, teachers, and the wider community. In many cases, simple and proven
4 safety interventions such as flashing pedestrian beacons, raised crosswalks, and
5 improved signage have been shown in other jurisdictions to significantly reduce
6 driver speed, increase visibility, and improve compliance with school zone rules.

7 It is therefore the intent of this Act to strengthen public safety and protect
8 Guam's youth by requiring the installation of crosswalk lights or speed bumps near
9 every public and private school on the island. This Act also seeks to promote driver
10 awareness, encourage safer behavior behind the wheel, and create a culture of
11 caution and respect within school zones.

12 **Section 2.** A new Article 10 is hereby *added* to Chapter 3, Title 16, Guam
13 Code Annotated to read as follows:

14 **"§ 31001. School Zone Safety Improvements.**

15 (a) The Department of Public Works (DPW), in coordination with
16 the different schools in Guam, shall conduct a comprehensive safety
17 assessment of all school zones to identify areas that require additional
18 crosswalk lights or speed bumps.

19 (b) Each school zone, whether public or private, shall include at
20 least one clearly marked pedestrian crossing equipped with either:

21 (1) Flashing crosswalk warning lights; and

22 (2) Raised speed bumps are designed to reduce vehicle
23 speeds to fifteen (15) miles per hour or less within the school
24 zone.

25 (c) The installation of these safety measures shall be completed
26 within eighteen (18) months from the enactment of this Act.

27 (d) The Department of Public Works shall conduct annual
28 maintenance and inspection of all installed crosswalk lights and speed

1 bumps to ensure functionality and safety compliance.

2 (e) Funding for the implementation and maintenance of this Act shall
3 be drawn from existing DPW traffic safety funds, federal highway safety
4 grants, or other available appropriations designated for road safety
5 improvements.”

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

11 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.