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Introduced by:

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§ 7102

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2025.”**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE YOUTH OF GUAM:

Section 1. Short Title. This Act shall be known as the “Guam Youth Risk
Behavior Survey Inclusion Act of 2025.”

Section 2. Legislative Intent and Purpose. *I Liheslaturan*
Guåhan finds that the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (“YRBS”) provides essential
data for assessing health-risk behaviors and the creation of appropriate health
measures to promote the wellbeing of youth on Guam. Currently, the YRBS is only
conducted biennially in Guam Department of Education (“GDOE”) middle and high
schools which limits the comprehensiveness and representativeness of the island's
youth health in future community health assessments

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that these collected data will be used
by the Centers for Disease Control (“CDC”) to inform policies, practices, and

1 programs for youth. YRBS data is used to monitor six categories of priority health-
2 risk behaviors among youths and young adults: behaviors that contribute to
3 unintentional injuries and violence; sexual behaviors that contribute to human
4 immunodeficiency virus (“HIV”) infection, other sexually transmitted diseases, and
5 unintended pregnancy; tobacco use; alcohol and other drug use; unhealthy dietary
6 behaviors; and physical inactivity.

7 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the YRBS takes about twenty-five
8 (25) minutes to complete and survey resources are provided in classrooms. Students
9 are randomly selected to voluntarily participate in the YRBS data collection. Their
10 responses will be anonymous. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* believes that these
11 statistics can lead to development of important policies that will help youth excel in
12 academics and promote healthy relationships with peers, teachers, and family. These
13 are essential qualities to becoming a healthy adult.

14 **Section 3. Implementation.** Pursuant to this Act, the Department of Public
15 Health and Social Services (“DPHSS”), in collaboration with the Guam Department
16 of Education (“GDOE”) and private and charter schools, shall coordinate to extend
17 the administration of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (“YRBS”) to include students
18 from private and charter schools in Guam. The DPHSS may seek federal or local
19 grants to support the expansion of YRBS implementation in private and charter
20 schools.

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

26 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.