

I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE YOUTH OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Intent and Purpose. *I Liheslaturan*

Guåhan finds that § 4106.1 of Chapter 4, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, mandates the Guam Department of Education (“GDOE”) to provide textbooks, laboratory equipment, and instructional supplies necessary for the full implementation of the curriculum. However, Guam law does not presently require the Department to conduct a regular review or update of non-textbook instructional materials, such as laboratory equipment, digital resources, and classroom supplies.

I Liheslatura further finds that outdated instructional materials and supplies significantly hinder student learning and limit the effectiveness of curriculum delivery. Modern coursework increasingly relies on hands-on experimentation, current technology, and digital learning platforms. When materials are

1 not updated, students may be unable to engage in accurate scientific investigations,
2 practice relevant career-technical skills, or access current information aligned with
3 academic standards. Furthermore, outdated laboratory equipment may pose safety risks,
4 obsolete digital tools can limit students' technological literacy, and aging classroom
5 supplies may prevent teachers from delivering interactive, inquiry-based instruction.

6 *I Liheslatura* also finds that rapid advancements in science,
7 technology, engineering, mathematics, and digital communication demand that students
8 on Guam have access to learning tools reflective of real-world applications. Ensuring
9 timely updates to instructional materials supports equity across schools, promotes
10 career readiness, and strengthens student competitiveness in higher education and the
11 workforce. Thus, it is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to establish a
12 periodic update cycle for instructional supplies, equipment, and digital resources to
13 ensure modernization and fulfillment of evolving educational standards, and the
14 provision of safe, relevant, and engaging learning environments for all students.

15 **Section 2.** A new § 4106.2 is hereby *added* to Article 1, Chapter 4, Title
16 17, Guam Code Annotated to read:

17 **“§ 4106.2. Instructional Material Modernization and Update Cycle.**

18 (a) The Guam Department of Education shall review, update, and
19 replace instructional materials, laboratory equipment, digital resources, and
20 instructional supplies provided pursuant to § 4106.1 on a regular cycle of no
21 less than every five (5) years and no more than every ten (10) years.

22 (b) The term “instructional material” as used in this section shall
23 include, but is not limited to:

24 (1) laboratory and science equipment;

25 (2) physical education, music, business, and Chamorro Language
26 and Culture Instructional supplies;

27 (3) digital educational resources and technology-based
28 instructional tools; and

1 (4) non-textbook instructional content used for curriculum
2 delivery

3 (c) The Board of Education shall establish rules and regulation pursuant
4 to the Administrative Adjudication Law to implement the requirements of this
5 section.

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

11 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon the first
12 Academic Year following its enactment.