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BILL STATUS

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE YOUTH OF GUAM:

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

Guåhan finds that the CHamoru language is a vital part of the island's cultural identity and heritage. Promoting daily exposure to the CHamoru language within educational environments strengthens cultural pride, encourages language revitalization, and provides students with opportunities to learn and use the language in meaningful ways.

Therefore, it is the intent of this Act to require the creation and display of Chamoru-based signage in all common areas of all public schools.

Section 2. A new § 4126 is hereby added to Chapter 4, Title 17, Guam Code annotated, to read as follows:

“§ 4126. CHamoru Sign Requirements for GDOE Common Areas

1 (a) *CHamoru* signage required. All Guam Department of Education
2 schools shall install *CHamoru*-based signs to indicate the location within the
3 building, including but not limited to hallways, cafeterias, libraries, offices,
4 restrooms, and multipurpose rooms. Signs shall be required for all GDOE
5 schools, including those under leaseback or privately-managed agreements.

6 (b) Sign Content. Signs shall include *CHamoru* language labels for
7 locations, directions, and/or general school functions. English translations
8 are required, but are to appear secondary to the *CHamoru* text.

9 (c) Development Standards. The GDOE *CHamoru* Studies
10 Division, in tandem with the *Kumisión I Fino'* *CHamoru* shall develop
11 standardized sign templates and guidance to ensure consistency in spelling,
12 grammar, and formatting across all schools.

13 (d) Implementation Timeline. The GDOE *CHamoru* Studies
14 Division and *Kumisión I Fino'* *CHamoru* shall have a period of 6 months
15 from the effective date of this Act to develop standardized *CHamoru* signage
16 templates. These templates shall include approved spelling, grammar,
17 translations, formatting, font guidelines, and cultural design elements to be
18 used across all Guam Department of Education Schools.

19 Upon completion, the GDOE *CHamoru* Studies Division shall
20 distribute the finalized signage standards and templates to all GDOE school
21 administrators. Each school shall implement and install the required
22 *CHamoru* signage within 6 months after receiving the standardized
23 templates and guidelines.

24 The total implementation timeline for full compliance with *CHamoru*
25 signage requirements shall not exceed 12 months from the effective date of
26 this Act.”

27 **Section 3. Appropriation to the Guam Department of Education.** The
28 sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) shall be appropriated from the FY2026

1 Net Unobligated Excess Revenue to the Guam Department of Education (GDOE)
2 for the purpose of implementing the *CHamoru* Signs Act. These funds shall be
3 used exclusively for materials, labor, installation, and associated administrative
4 costs, and shall not be subject to the transfer authority of *I*
5 *Maga'låhen/Maga'hågan* *Guåhan*. Any surplus funds remaining after the
6 procurement and installation of signs shall be allocated towards ongoing
7 maintenance, repair, and upkeep of these signs.

8 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to
9 any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall
10 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.

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