

I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
BILL STATUS

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	FISCAL NOTES	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
100-38 (COR) As amended by the Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs; and further amended on the Floor.	Sabina Flores Perez	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> § 1102, CHAPTER 1, DIVISION 1; TO <i>AMEND</i> § 2407(f) OF ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 2, DIVISION 1; <i>ADD</i> A NEW § 80110 (c)(11) TO CHAPTER 80, DIVISION 4; <i>ADD</i> A NEW § 86105 (e) TO CHAPTER 86 ALL OF TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; <i>AMEND</i> § 12215 (b) OF ARTICLE 2; <i>ADD</i> A NEW § 12317(d) TO ARTICLE 3; <i>ADD</i> A NEW § 12461(e) TO ARTICLE 4; <i>ADD</i> A NEW § 12510(d) TO ARTICLE 5; <i>ADD</i> A NEW § 12622(d) TO ARTICLE 6; <i>AMEND</i> § 12824(b) OF ARTICLE 8; <i>ADD</i> A NEW § 121002(c) TO ARTICLE 10; <i>ADD</i> A NEW § 121202.1 TO ARTICLE 12; <i>AMEND</i> § 121301(f) OF ARTICLE 13; <i>AMEND</i> § 121302(f) OF ARTICLE 13; <i>AMEND</i> § 121303(f) OF ARTICLE 13; <i>AMEND</i> § 121605 OF ARTICLE 16; <i>ADD</i> A NEW § 121705(f) TO ARTICLE 17; <i>ADD</i> A NEW § 121805(c) TO ARTICLE 18; <i>ADD</i> A NEW § 122006 TO ARTICLE 20; <i>ADD</i> A NEW § 122102 (d) TO ARTICLE 21; <i>AMEND</i> § 122324 OF ARTICLE 23; ALL OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; <i>ADD</i> A NEW § 3102.1 (t) TO CHAPTER 3; <i>AMEND</i> § 16104.1 OF CHAPTER 16; <i>ADD</i> A NEW § 31108 (h) TO CHAPTER 31, ALL OF TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AND TO <i>AMEND</i> § 2102 OF CHAPTER 2, TITLE 7, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO INCREASING AWARENESS AND STRENGTHENING EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND LITERACY BY EXPANDING GUAM'S EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION SYSTEM.	4/2/25 3:13 p.m.	4/11/25	Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs.	Request: 4/16/25 4/23/25	6/18/25 2:00 p.m.	7/10/25 As Amended.	
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THE HON. FRANK BLAS, JR., Speaker
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Re: Bill No. 100-38 (COR), AN ACT TO AMEND § 1102, CHAPTER 1, DIVISION 1; TO AMEND § 2407(f) OF ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 2, DIVISION 1; ADD A NEW § 80110(c)(II) TO CHAPTER 80, DIVISION 4; ADD A NEW § 86105(e) TO CHAPTER 86 ALL OF TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AMEND § 12215(b) OF ARTICLE 2; ADD A NEW § 12317(d) TO ARTICLE 3; ADD A NEW § 12461(e) TO ARTICLE 4; ADD A NEW § 12510(d) TO ARTICLE 5; ADD A NEW § 12622(d) TO ARTICLE 6; AMEND § 12824(b) OF ARTICLE 8; ADD A NEW § 121002(c) TO ARTICLE 10; ADD A NEW § 121202.1 TO ARTICLE 12; AMEND § 121301(f) OF ARTICLE 13; AMEND § 121302(f) OF ARTICLE 13; AMEND § 121303(f) OF ARTICLE 13; AMEND § 121605 OF ARTICLE 16; ADD A NEW § 121705(f) TO ARTICLE 17; ADD A NEW § 121805(c) TO ARTICLE 18; ADD A NEW § 122006 TO ARTICLE 20; ADD A NEW § 122102(d) TO ARTICLE 21; AMEND § 122324 OF ARTICLE 23; ALL OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; ADD A NEW § 3102.1(t) TO CHAPTER 3; AMEND § 16104.1 OF CHAPTER 16; ADD A NEW § 31108(h) TO CHAPTER 31, ALL OF TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AND TO AMEND § 2102 OF CHAPTER 2, TITLE 7, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO INCREASING AWARENESS AND STRENGTHENING EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND LITERACY BY EXPANDING GUAM'S EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION SYSTEM."

Håfa Adai Mr. Speaker,

Bill No. 100-38 (COR) takes a comprehensive and research driven approach to addressing Guam's persistent literacy challenges by strengthening early childhood development and literacy initiatives for children from birth to eight years of age. Recognizing the critical importance of these formative years in developing language skills, cognitive growth, and future academic success that is grounded in evidence showing that early intervention yields lasting benefits for the child, their family, and the community, Bill No. 100-38 (COR) offers a first step toward a solution.

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To: The Hon. Frank Blas, Jr., *Speaker*
Fr: The Hon. Joshua F. Tenorio, *Acting Governor of Guam*
Date: August 18, 2025
Re: Bill No. 100-38 (COR)

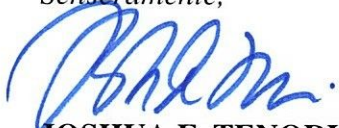
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This legislation expands the role of the Department of Public Health and Social Services, the University of Guam, the Guam Department of Education, and various licensing boards in promoting early childhood development and literacy. It embeds continuing education requirements for training in early literacy and development into professional licensure renewals for educators, healthcare providers, and other licensed practitioners who directly or indirectly support young children. This ensures that professionals remain equipped with current knowledge and best practices to engage parents, caregivers, and children in ways that build strong language and learning foundations.

By promoting and fostering interagency collaboration, standardizing training requirements, and increasing public awareness and outreach, this legislation not only addresses the gaps in literacy support but also builds a framework to enhance lifelong learning outcomes and social well-being across Guam.

For these reasons, I sign Bill No. 100-38 (COR) into law as ***Public Law No. 38-49.***

Senseramente,



JOSHUA F. TENORIO

I Åkto Maga'låhen Guåhan

Acting Governor of Guam

Enclosure(s): Bill No. 100-38 (COR) nka P.L. 38-49

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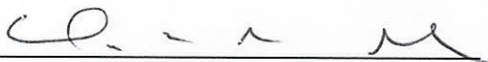
CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that Bill No. 100-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND § 1102, CHAPTER 1, DIVISION 1; TO AMEND § 2407(f) OF ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 2, DIVISION 1; ADD A NEW § 80110(c)(11) TO CHAPTER 80, DIVISION 4; ADD A NEW § 86105(e) TO CHAPTER 86 ALL OF TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AMEND § 12215(b) OF ARTICLE 2; ADD A NEW § 12317(d) TO ARTICLE 3; ADD A NEW § 12461(e) TO ARTICLE 4; ADD A NEW § 12510(d) TO ARTICLE 5; ADD A NEW § 12622(d) TO ARTICLE 6; AMEND § 12824(b) OF ARTICLE 8; ADD A NEW § 121002(c) TO ARTICLE 10; ADD A NEW § 121202.1 TO ARTICLE 12; AMEND § 121301(f) OF ARTICLE 13; AMEND § 121302(f) OF ARTICLE 13; AMEND § 121303(f) OF ARTICLE 13; AMEND § 121605 OF ARTICLE 16; ADD A NEW § 121705(f) TO ARTICLE 17; ADD A NEW § 121805(c) TO ARTICLE 18; ADD A NEW § 122006 TO ARTICLE 20; ADD A NEW § 122102(d) TO ARTICLE 21; AMEND § 122324 OF ARTICLE 23; ALL OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; ADD A NEW § 3102.1(t) TO CHAPTER 3; AMEND § 16104.1 OF CHAPTER 16; ADD A NEW § 31108(h) TO CHAPTER 31, ALL OF TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AND TO AMEND § 2102 OF CHAPTER 2, TITLE 7, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO INCREASING AWARENESS AND STRENGTHENING EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND LITERACY BY EXPANDING GUAM'S EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION SYSTEM," was on the 31st day of July 2025, duly and regularly passed.



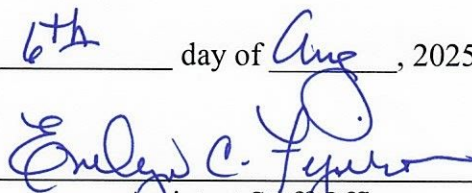
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V. Anthony Ada
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This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 6th day of Aug, 2025, at 7:58 o'clock A.M.



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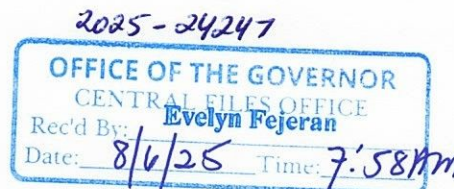
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JOSHUA F. TENORIO
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Date: August 18, 2025

Public Law No. 38-49



I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2025 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 100-38 (COR)

As amended by the Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs;
and further amended on the Floor.

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**AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 1102, CHAPTER 1, DIVISION 1;
TO *AMEND* § 2407(f) OF ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 2,
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TO ARTICLE 6; *AMEND* § 12824(b) OF ARTICLE 8; *ADD*
A NEW § 121002(c) TO ARTICLE 10; *ADD* A NEW §
121202.1 TO ARTICLE 12; *AMEND* § 121301(f) OF
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ARTICLE 16; *ADD* A NEW § 121705(f) TO ARTICLE 17;**

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds

that a literacy crisis exists in the U.S., in which one in six adults or approximately 36 million people in the U.S, compared to one in twenty in Japan, have low literacy skills. Additionally, socially disadvantaged parents are more likely to pass on weaker skills to their children compared to other countries. Low literacy skills can affect access to healthcare, housing, and employment, voting, and possibly incarceration.

I Liheslatura finds that in 2019, one-third of fourth and eighth graders scored at proficient levels for reading and 14% of 15-year olds can comprehend lengthy texts, handle abstract concepts, and evaluate content to distinguish fact from opinion. Additionally, in 1984 8% compared to 29% of 13 year olds in 2020 “never hardly read for fun,” despite 30% of instructional time spent on reading and language arts.

I Liheslatura further finds that low literacy skills have roots in infancy. Evidence shows that basic brain architecture is in place as early as two (2) years of age. Brain and cognitive development can be stimulated through reading and speaking to children from birth. Specifically, in evaluating MRI scans, Broca’s area, which is central to language development and processing, has been activated due

1 parents speaking to their child. Additionally, parents who read a picture book
2 everyday expose their child to 78,000 words per year or 1.4 million words from birth
3 to five years of age. Disparity between children coming from a low literature
4 compared to high literature households can be detected as early as 9 months of age.
5 Studies show that kindergarten language skills are the single best predictor of school
6 achievement across all subjects in 3rd and 5th graders; and kindergartners with low
7 language skills and who are not proficient readers by 3rd grade, are four times more
8 likely to drop out of school.

9 *I Liheslatura* further finds that for each age and stage of children from birth
10 to eight years of age there exists developmental milestones or targets used to monitor
11 cognitive, language, social, fine motor, and creative skills. Parents and caregivers
12 hold the key to early child development through increased awareness and
13 understanding of prerequisites and skills for reading and other skills for each age and
14 developmental stage and by promoting advancement by providing a secure and safe
15 environment, intentionally using conversation, and increasing exposure to written
16 language that is age and stage appropriate. However, 94% of mothers surveyed said
17 no health professional spoke about language development.

18 *I Liheslatura* finds that Guam's Early Child Care and Education (ECCE)
19 System is advised by the Guam Early Learning Council, whose vision is that "all of
20 Guam's young children will have healthy minds, bodies, and spirits as the foundation
21 for lifelong success," and whose mission is "to support each child from birth to five
22 in reaching his/her full potential through a health care and education system that is
23 accessible, comprehensive, integrated and responsive to diverse cultures that is
24 developed in collaboration with families and communities." The ECCE currently
25 consists of the following programs: Department of Public Health and Social
26 Service's (DPHSS) Project *Bisita I Famila*, Guam Early Intervention System
27 (GEIS), *Kariñu*/LAUNCH, Head Start, Guam Department of Education Pilot Pre-

1 Kindergarten, GDOE Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE), GDOE Pre-
2 Kindergarten Gifted and Talented (GATE) Program, which has enrolled
3 approximately two thousand children in 2020.

4 *I Liheslatura* finds that it is important to build upon the work that was
5 consistently and diligently achieved over a decade under the auspices of the Guam
6 Early Learning Council and DPHSS PDG Birth to Five in order to address potential
7 gaps in services between programs and unmet needs based on local statistics. The
8 National Vital Statistics reported 3,041 babies were born in 2019. The 2010 U.S.
9 Census reported a total of 14,289 children are under the age of five. According the
10 2021 Preschool Development Grant (PDG) Birth to Five Needs Assessment, from
11 2015 and 2020, an average of 75.5% children (10,788 children) were enrolled in
12 Medicaid, 5.2% (743 children) were enrolled in MIP, and 32.2% (4,601 children)
13 were enrolled in Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) for children from birth to five
14 years of age. Thus, an opportunity exists to increase awareness amongst parents and
15 caregivers of the importance of early child development and in obtaining skills to
16 support it by expanding awareness, skills, and best practices amongst staff
17 administering Medicaid, MIP, and WIC programs, as well as, health care
18 professionals, and those in other government agencies that provide services to
19 pregnant mothers and families with children from birth to eight years of age.

20 *I Liheslatura* further finds that Public Law 31-62, authorized by the Child
21 Welfare Services Act and which established the existing rules and regulations for
22 the licensure of childcare facilities and group child care homes, includes
23 qualifications for different levels of staff at these facilities. DPHSS is mandated to
24 review and update these regulations as needed, every five years. The review phase
25 provides an opportunity to identify other positions that engage with parents and
26 caregivers, who can acquire necessary knowledge and skills for promoting early
27 childhood development and literacy.

1 It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to address the literacy crisis on Guam
2 by creating awareness and providing support to parents and caregivers of children
3 from birth to eight years of age who are at a critical time of their development that
4 is foundational for subsequent learning and achievement. *I Liheslatura* further
5 intends to build capacity within our government and healthcare networks through
6 increased training to provide time-sensitive support to pregnant mothers and families
7 with children from birth to eight years of age.

8 **Section 2.** § 1102 of Division 1, Chapter 1, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated,
9 is hereby *amended* to read:

10 “§ 1102. **Duties.** The Department shall have cognizance of all
11 Public Health and Social Services functions set forth in this Division and as
12 otherwise provided by law, rule or regulation.

13 The Department shall develop, establish, and implement early
14 childhood training program throughout the government in order to promote
15 early childhood development and literacy to parents and guardians of children
16 from birth to eight years of age, pursuant to the Administrative Adjudication
17 Law, located in Chapter 9, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated.”

18 **Section 3.** § 2407(f) of Article 4, Chapter 2, Division 1, Title 10, Guam
19 Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

20 “(f) Provisions for food, clothing, educational opportunities that
21 promote learning and development in the cognitive, social, emotional,
22 language, creative, and physical areas and that are developmentally
23 appropriate, programs, equipment and individual supplies to assure the
24 healthy physical, mental and spiritual development of children served;”

25 **Section 4.** A new § 80110(c)(11) of Chapter 80, Title 10, Guam Code
26 Annotated, is hereby *added* to read:

1 “(11) to promote early childhood development and literacy to
2 parents and guardians of children from birth to eight (8) years of age, in
3 consultation with the Department of Public Health and Social Services.”

4 **Section 5.** A new § 86105(e) of Chapter 86, Title 10, Guam Code
5 Annotated, is hereby *added* to read:

6 “The Department shall promote early childhood development and
7 literacy to parents and guardians of children from birth to eight years of age,
8 in consultation with the Department of Public Health and Social Services.”

9 **Section 6.** § 12215(b) of Article 2, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code
10 Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

11 “(b)(1) The Board shall be authorized, at its discretion, to require
12 continuing medical education for license re-registration and to require
13 documentation of that education.

14 (2) The Board shall require continuing education credits in early
15 childhood development and literacy that conforms with the Department of
16 Public Health and Social Services regulations.”

17 **Section 7.** A new § 12317(d) of Article 3, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code
18 Annotated, is hereby *added* to read:

19 “(d) Continuing education credits in early childhood development
20 and literacy as prescribed by the Board and that conforms with the Department
21 of Public Health and Social Services regulations shall be required for renewal
22 of licensure under this Article.”

23 **Section 8.** A new § 12461(e) of Article 4, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code
24 Annotated, is hereby *added* to read:

25 “(e) Continuing education credits in early childhood development
26 and literacy as prescribed by the Board and that conforms with the Department

1 of Public Health and Social Services regulations shall be required for renewal
2 of licensure under this Article.”

3 **Section 9.** A new § 12510(d) of Article 5, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code
4 Annotated, is hereby *added* to read:

5 “(d) Continuing education credits in early childhood development
6 and literacy as prescribed by the Board and that conforms with the Department
7 of Public Health and Social Services regulations shall be required for renewal
8 of licensure under this Article.”

9 **Section 10.** A new § 12622(d) of Article 6, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code
10 Annotated, is hereby *added* to read:

11 “(d) Continuing education credits in early childhood development
12 and literacy as prescribed by the Board and that conforms with the Department
13 of Public Health and Public Social Services regulations shall be required for
14 renewal of licensure under this Article.”

15 **Section 11.** § 12824(b) of Article 8, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code
16 Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

17 “(b)(1) The Board shall be authorized, at its discretion, to require
18 continuing education for license reregistration and to require documentation
19 of that education.

20 (2) The Board shall require continuing education credits in early
21 childhood development and literacy as prescribed by the Board and that
22 conforms with the Department of Public Health and Social Services
23 regulations.”

24 **Section 12.** A new § 121002(c) of Article 10, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam
25 Code Annotated, is hereby *added* to read:

26 “(c) Continuing education credits in early childhood development
27 and literacy as prescribed by the Board and that conforms with the Department

1 of Public Health and Social Services regulations shall be required to maintain
2 licensure under this Article.”

3 **Section 13.** A new § 121202.1 of Article 12, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam
4 Code Annotated, is hereby *added* to read:

5 **“§ 121202.1 Renewal of Licensure.**

6 At the time of licensure renewal, the Board is authorized to require
7 continuing education credits, to include those in early childhood development
8 and literacy that conforms with the Department of Public Health and Social
9 Services regulations.”

10 **Section 14.** § 121301(f) of Article 13, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code
11 Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

12 “(f)(1) Continuing Education Requirements. A licensee shall
13 complete a total of forty contact hours or four Continuing Education Units
14 directly related to the practice of Professional Counseling within each two
15 year licensure period to qualify for renewal of licensure.

16 (2) Continuing education credits in early childhood development
17 and literacy as prescribed by the Board and that conforms with the
18 Department of Public Health and Social Services regulations and
19 documentation of that education shall be required for renewal of licensure
20 under this Article.”

21 **Section 15.** § 121302(f) of Article 13, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code
22 Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

23 “(f)(1) Continuing Education Requirements. A licensee shall
24 complete a total of forty contact hours or four Continuing Education Units
25 directly related to the practice of Mental Health Counseling within each two
26 year licensure period to qualify for renewal of licensure.

1 (2) Continuing education credits in early childhood development
2 and literacy as prescribed by the Board and that conforms with the Department
3 of Public Health and Social Services regulations and documentation of that
4 education shall be required for renewal of licensure under this Article.”

5 **Section 16.** § 121303(f) of Article 13, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code
6 Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

7 “(f)(1) Continuing Education Requirements. A licensee shall
8 complete a total of forty contact hours or four Continuing Education Units
9 directly related to the practice of Marriage and Family Therapy within each
10 two year licensure period to qualify for renewal of licensure.

11 (2) Continuing education credits in early childhood development
12 and literacy as prescribed by the Board and that conforms with the Department
13 of Public Health and Social Services regulations shall be required for renewal
14 of licensure under this Article.”

15 **Section 17.** § 121605 of Article 16, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code
16 Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

17 “Each licensed physician assistant must present evidence of current
18 certification through the National Commission on Certification of Physician
19 Assistants, or its successor, every two (2) years for renewal of license.

20 Continuing education credits in early childhood development and
21 literacy as prescribed by the Board and that conforms with the Department of
22 Public Health and Social Services regulations shall be required for renewal of
23 licensure under this Article.”

24 **Section 18.** A new § 121705(f) of Article 17, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam
25 Code Annotated, is hereby *added* to read:

26 “(f) Continuing education credits in early childhood development
27 and literacy as prescribed by the Board and that conforms with the Department

1 of Public Health and Social Services regulations and documentation of that
2 education shall be required for renewal of licensure under this Article.”

3 **Section 19.** A new § 121805(c) of Article 18, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam
4 Code Annotated, is hereby *added* to read:

5 “(c) Continuing education credits in early childhood development
6 and literacy as prescribed by the Board and that conforms with the Department
7 of Public Health and Social Services regulations shall be required for renewal
8 of licensure under this Article.”

9 **Section 20.** A new § 122002.1 of Article 20, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam
10 Code Annotated, is hereby *added* to read:

11 **“§ 122002.1. Renewal of Licensure.**

12 At the time of licensure renewal, the Board is authorized to require
13 continuing education credits, to include those in early childhood development
14 and literacy that conforms with the Department of Public Health and Social
15 Services regulations.”

16 **Section 21.** A new § 122102.1 of Article 21, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam
17 Code Annotated, is hereby *added* to read:

18 **“§ 122102.1 Renewal of Licensure.**

19 At the time of licensure renewal, the Board is authorized to require
20 continuing education credits, to include those in early childhood development
21 and literacy that conforms with the Department of Public Health and Social
22 Services regulations.”

23 **Section 22.** § 122324 of Article 23, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code
24 Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

25 “Every license issued under this Act shall be renewed every two (2)
26 years on or before the date set forth by the Board.

1 Continuing education credits in early childhood development and
2 literacy as prescribed by the Board and that conforms with the Department of
3 Public Health and Social Services regulations shall be required for renewal of
4 licensure under this Article.”

5 **Section 23.** A new § 3102.1(t) to Chapter 3, Title 17, Guam Code
6 Annotated, is hereby *added* to read:

7 “(t) to evaluate and make recommendations to promote early
8 childhood development and literacy to parents and guardians of children from
9 birth to eight years of age, in consultation with the Department of Public
10 Health and Social Services.”

11 **Section 24.** § 16104.1 of Chapter 16, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, is
12 hereby *amended* to read:

13 **“§ 16104.1. Duties of the Board of Regents.**

14 (1) The Regents shall have general supervision over the University
15 and the control and direction of all funds of, and appropriated to, the
16 University, subject to such restrictions as may be prescribed by law. The
17 Board shall set the policies governing the duties, conditions of employment,
18 compensation, salary and emoluments, of all employees of the University as
19 herein provided.

20 (2) The Board shall submit an annual budget to the Legislature in the
21 manner prescribed by law. The Board shall have the authority to delegate such
22 of its powers as it may deem appropriate, but shall retain the ultimate
23 responsibility for the exercise of its powers.

24 (3) The Board shall evaluate and make recommendations to promote
25 early childhood development and literacy to parents and guardians of children
26 from birth to eight years of age, in consultation with the Department of Public
27 Health and Social Services.”

1 **Section 25.** A new § 31108(h) to Chapter 31, Title 17, Guam Code
2 Annotated, is hereby *added* to read:

3 “(h) to evaluate and make recommendations to promote early
4 childhood development and literacy to parents and guardians of children from
5 birth to eight years of age, in consultation with the Department of Public
6 Health and Social Services.”

7 **Section 26.** § 2102 of Chapter 2, Title 7, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby
8 *amended* to read:

9 **“§ 2102. Administration of the Courts of Guam.**

10 The Judicial Council shall administer the operations of the Supreme
11 Court and Superior Court and shall promulgate rules, regulation and policy
12 governing personnel, procurement, finance and travel for the Judicial Branch.
13 The Judicial Council shall adopt a unified pay schedule for the employees of
14 the Judicial Branch consistent with the Hay Study and Unified Pay Schedule
15 adopted in 1991, as *amended*. The Judicial Council shall recommend and
16 submit, under the signature of its Chairperson, the annual budget of the
17 Judicial Branch to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* [the Legislature] by the first day of
18 May of each year.

19 The Judicial Council shall promote early childhood development and
20 literacy to parents and guardians of children from birth to eight years of age,
21 in consultation with the Department of Public Health and Social Services.”

22 **Section 27. Rules and Regulations.** The Director of the Department of
23 Public Health and Social Services shall promulgate rules and regulations to
24 implement this Act pursuant to the Administrative Adjudication Act.

25 **Section 28. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to
26 any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall
27 not affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without

1 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
2 severable.

3 **Section 29. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective within one year
4 upon enactment.