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May 15, 2026

THE HON. FRANK BLAS, JR., Speaker
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38th Guam Legislature
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OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
FRANK F. BLAS JR.

MAY 15 2026

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Re: Bill No. 312-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND § 715(1)(13) CHAPTER 7, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROVIDING THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WITH AN EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS, OR ITS EQUIVALENCE FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026 DUE TO TYPHOON SINLAKU."

Håfa Adai Mr. Speaker,

Typhoon Sinlaku caused widespread havoc across Guam, significantly impacting school operations throughout the island. Many campuses were used as emergency shelters for families displaced by the storm. School facilities and their surrounding communities also faced power outages, flooding, debris, and recovery challenges that delayed the safe return to normal classroom operations.

Bill No. 312-38 (COR) recognizes the extraordinary circumstances faced by our education system during Typhoon Sinlaku. It provides the Guam Department of Education with the necessary flexibility for School Year 2025-2026 without further disrupting the lives and education of students already impacted by the storm. The inclusion of reporting requirements that are focused on learning loss, intervention efforts, and educational outcomes serve as an important step toward ensuring our students do not fall behind because of this disaster.

While instructional schedules were disrupted by circumstances beyond anyone's control, it is critical that the educational needs of our students do not suffer long-term consequences. The Guam Department of Education must continue working to mitigate learning loss resulting from Typhoon Sinlaku in the years ahead.

To: The Hon. Frank Blas, Jr., *Speaker*
Fr: The Hon. Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *Governor of Guam*
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As Guam continues to recover, we remain committed to strengthening our schools, supporting our educators, and ensuring that every student has the opportunity to succeed.

For these reasons, I sign Bill No. 312-38 (COR) into law as ***Public Law No. 38-126.***

Senseramente,



LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
I Maga'hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

Enclosure(s): Bill No. 312-38 (COR) nka P.L. 38-126
cc via email: *Honorable* Joshua F. Tenorio, *Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*, Lt. Governor of Guam
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I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2026 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that **Bill No. 312-38 (COR)**, “AN ACT TO **AMEND** § 715(l)(13) CHAPTER 7, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROVIDING THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WITH AN EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS, OR ITS EQUIVALENCE FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026 DUE TO TYPHOON *SINLAKU*,” was on the 14th day of May 2026, duly and regularly passed.



Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

Attested:




Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 14th day of May,
2026, at 5:48 o'clock P.M.



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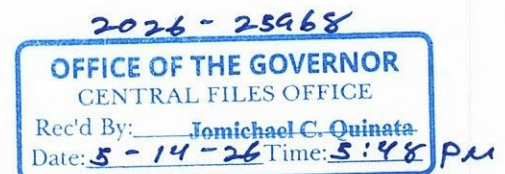
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Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 5/15/2026

Public Law No. 38-126



I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2026 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 312-38 (COR)

As amended on the Floor.

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1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that Typhoon *Sinlaku* caused widespread damage across Guam, resulting in
4 prolonged power outages, flooding, hazardous conditions, and significant disruption

1 to daily life. The typhoon severely impacted public infrastructure, including facilities
2 under the Guam Department of Education (GDOE), many of which sustained
3 damage or required inspection, cleanup, and repair before they could safely reopen.

4 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that, in response to the emergency,
5 numerous GDOE school facilities were designated and utilized as emergency
6 shelters for residents displaced by the typhoon. These campuses provided critical
7 refuge for families whose homes were damaged or rendered uninhabitable, serving
8 as shelters during and after the typhoon. The use of these facilities for shelter
9 operations necessarily delayed their return to educational use.

10 Additionally, the aftermath of Typhoon *Sinlaku* required extensive recovery
11 efforts, including debris removal, restoration of utilities, sanitation, and ensuring that
12 school environments were safe for students, teachers, and staff. These conditions
13 significantly disrupted the academic calendar for School Year 2025–2026 and
14 reduced the number of instructional days.

15 It is therefore the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to provide the Guam
16 Department of Education for School Year 2025–2026 an exemption from the
17 minimum instructional day and hour requirements.

18 **Section 2.** § 715(1)(13) Chapter 7, Title 1, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby
19 *amended* to read as follows:

20 “(13) at least one hundred eighty (180) instructional days, or its
21 equivalence, including make-up hours each school year with school years
22 ending no later than thirty (30) days following the end of the calendared
23 school year; provided, that the Guam Department of Education is exempt from
24 the requirements of this §715(1)(13) for School Years 2019-2020, 2020-2021,
25 2021-2022, and 2025-2026.”

26 **Section 3.** The Guam Department of Education shall provide a report
27 detailing learning loss, interventions, and outcomes of interventions of all students

1 enrolled for School Years 2025 through 2026 to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* by
2 November 30, 2026.

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

8 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall become effective upon enactment.