

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
309-38 (COR) As amended on the Floor.	Vincent A.V. Borja Christopher M. Dueñas Tina Rose Muña-Barnes Jesse A. Lujan Sabrina Salas Matanane V. Anthony Ada Frank F. Blas, Jr. Shelly V. Calvo Joe S. San Agustin	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> SECTION 18 OF CHAPTER II OF PUBLIC LAW 38-60, RELATIVE TO GRANTING GREATER FLEXIBILITY TO THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO UTILIZE LAPSED FUNDS.	4/17/26 4:24 p.m.	4/17/26	Committee on Finance and Government Operations.	Request: 4/17/26 Waiver: 4/21/26	4/28/26 9:00 a.m.	5/6/26	
	SESSION DATE	TITLE	DATE PASSED	TRANSMITTED	DUE DATE	PUBLIC LAW NO.	DATE SIGNED	NOTES	
5/19/26	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> SECTION 18 OF CHAPTER II OF PUBLIC LAW 38-60, RELATIVE TO GRANTING GREATER FLEXIBILITY TO THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO UTILIZE LAPSED FUNDS.	5/22/26	5/22/26	6/3/26	38-132	6/3/26	Received: 6/3/26 Mess and Comm. Doc. No. 38GL-26-2422		

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Transmitted via Email to: speakerblas@guamlegislature.org

June 3, 2026

THE HON. FRANK BLAS, JR., Speaker
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OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
FRANK F. BLAS JR.

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Time: 4:20 pm
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Re: Bill No. 309-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 18 OF CHAPTER II OF PUBLIC LAW 38-60, RELATIVE TO GRANTING GREATER FLEXIBILITY TO THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO UTILIZE LAPSED FUNDS."

Håfa Adai Mr. Speaker,

Bill 309-38 authorizes the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) to utilize all funds appropriated in previous fiscal years, allowing flexibility in allocating these funds towards projects that enhance the educational infrastructure on the island. Namely, capital improvement projects, typhoon damage restoration, construction of sports facilities, playgrounds, plus other much-needed upgrades to school facilities.

The total funds allocated amount to an estimated \$77 million dollars, comprising \$26 Million appropriated in prior fiscal years and \$51 million in reimbursements from the American Rescue Plan (ARPA). Given the persistent difficulties of aging facilities, deferred maintenance, and the impact of severe weather like Typhoon Sinlaku, these resources are essential for maintaining safe and functional learning environments. At the hearing on this bill, GDOE testified that \$10 Million of these funds will be allocated towards reopening shuttered schools, like F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School, demonstrating these funds will not be spent arbitrarily.

Ultimately, Bill 309-38 reinforces fiscal responsibility while providing flexibility that will allow GDOE continuity in improvement initiatives. Therefore, I sign Bill No. 309-38 (COR) into law as **Public Law No. 38-132**.

Senseramente,

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



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8:58 a.m.

Marie Crisostomo


Enclosure(s): Bill No. 309-38 (COR) nka P.L. 38-132

cc via email: *Honorable* Joshua F. Tenorio, *Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*, Lt. Governor of Guam
Compiler of Laws

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. 309-38 (COR)**, "AN ACT TO *AMEND* SECTION 18 OF CHAPTER II OF PUBLIC LAW 38-60, RELATIVE TO GRANTING GREATER FLEXIBILITY TO THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO UTILIZE LAPSED FUNDS," was on the 22nd day of May 2026, duly and regularly passed.



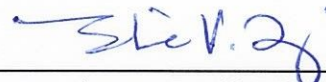
Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

Attested:




Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 22nd day of May, 2026, at 5:10 o'clock P.M.



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Maga'håga's Office

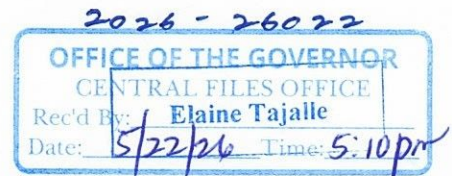
APPROVED:



Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 6/3/2026

Public Law No. 38-132



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2026 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 309-38 (COR)

As amended on the Floor.

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AN ACT TO *AMEND* SECTION 18 OF CHAPTER II OF PUBLIC LAW 38-60, RELATIVE TO GRANTING GREATER FLEXIBILITY TO THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO UTILIZE LAPSED FUNDS.

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

2 **Section 1.** Section 18 of Chapter II of Public Law 38-60 is hereby *amended*
3 to read as follows:

4 **“Section 18. Guam Department of Education Continuing**
5 **Appropriation Authorization.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law,

1 funds appropriated to the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) in prior
2 fiscal years shall not lapse and shall remain available until fully expended.
3 Permissible uses of such funds shall include, without limitation, expenditures
4 for capital improvement projects; costs associated with recovery from
5 damages incurred resulting from typhoons or other severe weather events;
6 improvements and upgrades to Guam Department of Education (GDOE)
7 sports facilities and playgrounds; measures necessary to ensure compliance
8 with applicable public health and sanitation requirements; payment of utility
9 expenses; payment and procurement of special education services; and the
10 procurement of instructional equipment. The Superintendent of the Guam
11 Department of Education shall submit a detailed report including the total
12 amount of lapsed funds received pursuant to this Act and any expenditures
13 made pursuant to this Section to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* no later than thirty
14 (30) days after the end of each fiscal quarter.”

15 **Section 2. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
16 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall not
17 affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without
18 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
19 severable.

20 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act shall become effective upon enactment.