I MINA'BENTE NUEBE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Bill No. 201 (EC)
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AN ACT TO AMEND § 31109 OF CHAPTER 31 TITLE 17 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED AND § 3112 OF CHAPTER 3 TITLE 17 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO REQUIRING THE GUAM PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM AND THE GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO COLLABORATE IN THE FURTHERANCE OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL AND ADULT STUDENTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative findings and intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the Community College Act of 1977, originally enacted in Public Law 14-77, makes it clear in § 31107 (6) of Chapter 31 of Title 17 GCA, that the Guam Community College (GCC) is in charge of vocational education in Guam, stating that GCC serves "as the Board of Control for Vocational Education for purposes of the United States Vocational Education Act of 1946 and 1963 and subsequent amendments thereto. The government of Guam hereby accepts together with the benefits of funds appropriated thereunder the Vocational Education Act of 1946 and any act or acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto as enacted by the Congress of the United States."

I Liheslatura further finds that in addition to offering training and retraining for adults, vocational education programs should also be an important element in preparing many of our children to be members of a trained and educated workforce. While GCC offers vocational education programs at their campus, their facilities are insufficient to satisfy the growing need for such programs in Guam. Our island population is growing rapidly and the military buildup is expected to require many thousands of skilled workers.

It is therefore the intent of *I Liheslatura* that GCC, together with the Guam Public School System (GPSS) develop a memorandum of understanding to allow GCC to utilize GPSS classrooms and other facilities after regular school hours for vocational training for middle school, high school and adult students, with GCC bearing all direct expenses.

Section 2. A new subitem (9) is *added* to § 31109 of Chapter 31 Title 17 Guam Code Annotated to read:

"(9) develop a memorandum of understanding with the Guam Public School System (GPSS) to utilize GPSS classrooms and other facilities after regular school hours for vocational training for middle school, high school and adult students."

Section 3. Subitem (17) is amended and a new subitem (18) is added to § 3112 of Chapter 3 Title 17 Guam Code Annotated to read:

"(17) Review and approve by Board resolution the spending priorities as outlined in the fiscal year budget for the GPSS ~~[.]~~ ; and

(18) Allow the use of GPSS classrooms and other facilities after regular school hours for vocational training for middle school, high school and adult students in the form and manner described in a memorandum of understanding with the Guam Community College (GCC). GPSS shall provide only usable, functional facilities; GCC shall bear all direct expenses as a result of the use of GPSS classrooms and facilities."

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