I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2011 (FIRST) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that **Substitute Bill No. 173-31 (COR), "AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 13 OF TITLE 19, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING A TASK FORCE ON THE PREVENTION OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF CHILDREN WITHIN THE CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT,"** was on the 19th day of September, 2011, duly and regularly passed.

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker

Attested:

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* this 20th day of Sept., 2011, at 4:10 o'clock P.M.

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Bill No. 173-31 (COR)
As substituted by the Committee on Youth, Cultural Affairs,
Procurement, General Government Operations and Public Broadcasting.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. A new Article 4 is hereby *added* to Chapter 13, Title 19, Guam Code Annotated, to read as follows:

"**Article 4**

The LaniKate *Protehi Y Famagu'on-ta* Act

§13400. Title. This Article *shall* be known, and may be cited as "The LaniKate *Protehi Y Famagu'on-ta* Act."

§13401. Task Force Composition. The Task Force *shall* be comprised of the following:

(a) a representative of the Courts of Guam appointed by the Chief Justice;

(b) the Director of the Department of Public Health and Social Services or his designee;

(c) the Director of the Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse or his designee;

(d) the Attorney General of Guam or his designee;

(e) the Superintendent of the Department of Education or his designee;

(f) the Chief of Police of the Guam Police Department or his designee;

(g) the Director of the Victims Advocates Reaching Out or his designee;

(h) the Executive Director of Catholic Social Service or his designee;

(i) the Director of Sanctuary Incorporated or his designee;

(j) the Chairperson of the Association of Individual, Marriage and Family Therapists or his designee;

(k) the President of the University of Guam or his designee;

(l) a representative of the Guam Youth Congress; and

(m) a representative of the Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence.

The Attorney General *shall* convene the Task Force until a presiding officer is selected by a majority vote of the membership. The members of the Task Force *shall* serve without compensation.

§13402. Duties of the Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children. The Task Force *shall* meet at the call of the presiding officer and make recommendations for preventing child sexual abuse in Guam.

In making recommendations, the Task Force *shall*:

(a) gather information concerning child sexual abuse throughout Guam;

(b) receive reports and testimony from individuals, government of Guam agencies, community-based organizations, and any other public and private organizations;

(c) create goals for local policy that would prevent child sexual abuse; and

(d) submit a report with its recommendations to *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* by April 1, 2012. Any further recommendations *shall* be transmitted annually thereafter.

§13403. Task Force Recommendations. The Task Force recommendations may include proposals for specific statutory changes and methods to foster cooperation among and improving services of government of Guam agencies, community-based organizations, throughout the Department of Education, and other public and private organizations, to prevent and reduce child sexual abuse on Guam.

§13404. Policies Addressing Sexual Abuse. The Task Force *shall* adopt and recommend policies addressing sexual abuse of children that may include age-appropriate curriculum for students in pre-K through fifth

(5th) grade; training for school personnel on child sexual abuse; educational information to parents or guardians provided in the school handbook on the warning signs of a child being sexually abused, along with any needed assistance, referral, or resource information; available counseling and resources for students affected by sexual abuse; and emotional and educational support for a child affected by sexual abuse to continue to be successful in school. Any policy adopted may address without limitation:

(a) methods for increasing teacher, student, and parent awareness of issues regarding sexual abuse of children, including knowledge of likely warning signs indicating that a child may be a victim of sexual abuse;

(b) actions that a child who is a victim of sexual abuse should take to obtain assistance and intervention; and

(c) available counseling options for students affected by sexual abuse."