I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN*

This is to certify that **Substitute Bill No. 177-31 (LS), "AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW §3112.2 TO ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO CREATING A SAFE SCHOOLS PROGRAM: SCHOOL CRIME STOPPERS,"** 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. 177-31 (LS)
As substituted by the Committee on Education
and Public Libraries and the Author,
and amended on the Floor.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds there is a need to address the continual rash of crimes that have victimized our students and our community for years, and that there is a need to implement measures so students, faculty, staff, administrators, and the entire community can

take ownership of the protection of our island schools and put a stop to these senseless acts so that school communities can continuously function with a sense of security and safety.

I Liheslatura further finds that Guam Crime Stoppers, Inc., has been an effective tool in the reporting and apprehension of individuals suspected of having committed crimes against the community. There is another program component that has been effective in reducing crimes in schools throughout international jurisdictions: Crime Stoppers for schools. According to Crime Stoppers USA, the first student Crime Stoppers program was started in a Boulder, Colorado high school in 1983. Now, over two thousand (2,000) programs exist in middle and high schools, community colleges and colleges throughout the nation. The Crime Stoppers Program provides a mechanism for the anonymous reporting of crimes, so that individuals will *not* have to fear reprisal. While there is a monetary incentive to report the crimes, a School Crime Stoppers Program in Hawaii states that students are not driven to report crimes for the reward, rather they are motivated because of "school spirit, pride, and responsibility."

I Liheslatura further finds that, through communication with stakeholders, there is a willingness and support for the implementation of a Crime Stoppers program for Guam Department of Education schools. *I Liheslatura,* therefore, intends to provide the education department with an additional method to help curb and prevent crimes from occurring in our schools and communities that may be implemented at minimal costs driven by the community's need to stop crimes in our schools and against the community.

It is, therefore, the intent of *I Liheslatura* to create a bridge between the Guam Department of Education and the entities Guam Crime Stoppers, Inc., and the Guam Police Department to ensure the Program's effectiveness.

Section 2. A new §3112.2 is *added* to Article 1, Chapter 3 of Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

"**§ 3112.2. Safe Schools Program: School Crime Stoppers.**

The Guam Education Board (Board) *shall* adopt a policy to address crimes being committed within the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) schools. The Board *shall* implement crime-prevention efforts found successful in other jurisdictions and implement such policies.

The policy *shall* include, but is *not* limited to, the following:

(a) **School Safety Coordinator.** Each school *shall* identify a School Safety Coordinator (an administrator or school counselor) who will be responsible for overseeing the Program for individual GDOE schools.

(b) **School Crime Stoppers Coordinator.** The Guam Police Department Chief of Police will assign an employee of the Guam Police Department to serve as the School Crime Stoppers Coordinator to work with GDOE School Safety Coordinators, and to serve as liaison to Guam Crime Stoppers, Inc. and the Guam Police Department.

(1) The School Crime Stoppers Coordinator will be responsible for organizing awareness and education events for students, and the broader community, with the Guam Police Department, the Guam Crime Stoppers, the Office of the Attorney General, the Mayors Council of Guam, and other relative agencies and organizations, as well as training events for administrators, faculty, staff, school parent organizations and families.

(2) Partnership with Guam Crime Stoppers, Inc. The Board *shall* explore options of developing a partnership with Guam Crime Stoppers, Inc. to identify the School Crime Stoppers Program needs, such as securing phone services, the possible implementation of procedures for online web tips for the reporting of crimes that occur on GDOE campuses, and other related needs.

(3) The School Crime Stoppers Coordinator will forward reports of tips and calls that have led to arrests for crimes to the Guam Crime Stoppers Board of Directors for disposition, in accordance with the organization's current procedures. For infractions or instances where the event is *not* a criminal activity, the School Safety Coordinator and the School Crime Stopper Coordinator will determine, *or* make a referral for, the appropriate disciplinary action, *or* make a referral to the appropriate entity.

(4) The School Crime Stoppers Coordinator and the School Safety Coordinators *shall* coordinate with the Guam Crime Stoppers, Inc., and make recommendations for policy relative to fundraising efforts to support the School Crime Stoppers program. Said recommendations *shall* be presented to the GDOE Board and Superintendent of Education for consideration and subsequent development of policy.

(c) **Data Collection.** The Guam Department of Education School Safety Coordinators and School Crime Stoppers Coordinator will work in tandem to collect statistical data generated from call-ins or web tips of crimes or violations.

(1) Statistical data may be used to obtain grants intent on increasing student involvement and achievement, and the promotion of safe, crime-free schools and communities.

(2) The data *shall* be published quarterly for public review on the Guam Department of Education website.

(d) Both the School Safety Coordinators and the School Crime Stopper Coordinator will be responsible for determining what appropriate disciplinary action will be taken or referrals will be made to appropriate authorities if what is reported is *not* a crime. If what is reported, however, is a crime, the coordinators shall forward it to the appropriate authorities for disposition.

(e) **Implementation.** The Program *shall* be implemented in all Guam Department of Education schools."

Section 3. Severability. *If* any provision of this law or its application to any person *or* circumstance is found to be invalid *or* contrary to law, such invalidity *shall not* affect other provisions or applications of this law which can be given effect.