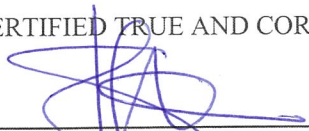


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NAME	Aye	Nay	Not Voting/ Abstained	Out During Roll Call	Absent	Excused
Senator William M. CASTRO	✓					
Senator Régine Biscoe LEE		✓				
Senator Kelly G. MARSH (TAITANO), PhD	✓					
Senator James C. MOYLAN	✓					
Speaker Tina Rose MUÑA BARNES	✓	I				
Senator Louise B. MUÑA	✓					
Vice Speaker Telen Cruz NELSON					✓	✓
Senator Sabina Flores PEREZ	✓	II				
Senator Clynton E. RIDGELL	✓					
Senator Joe S. SAN AGUSTIN	✓					
Senator Amanda L. SHELTON	✓	I				
Senator Telo T. TAITAGUE	✓					
Senator Jose "Pedo" TERLAJE	✓					
Senator Therese M. TERLAJE		II ✓				
Senator Mary Camacho TORRES	✓					

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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:



 RENNAE V. C. MENO
 Clerk of the Legislature

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Introduced by:

James C. Moylan

**AN ACT TO AMEND § 12106(g) OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE
17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE
PROCESS OF APPROVING OR DENYING CHARTER
SCHOOL PETITIONS.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the “Guam Academy Charter School Act of 2009” created a challenging mandate when it came to requiring a certain number of “converted” public schools. The same chapter that established Academy Charter Schools also crafted relatively unachievable requirements for any licensee seeking to initiate an Academy Charter School on Guam.

Academy Charter Schools provide alternative options for families seeking certain curriculum for their children, or desire a smaller student-to-educator ratio, while retaining a public school education. The intent of this legislation is not to create an infinite number of Academy Charter Schools; rather, it is to create an equal approach for all applicants when it comes to starting such a school, without increasing the mandated number of Academy Charter Schools on the island.

These schools also have the potential of providing public school educators the opportunity of smaller class sizes, thus improving the student-to-educator ratio. We are also seeing entities seeking more vocational trades to be added to Academy

1 Charter School curricula, hence providing students alternative options for career
2 choices.

3 This legislation would remove requirements on the number of “new” and
4 “converted” Academy Charter Schools on the island by merely allowing applicants
5 to apply for whichever option represents the school of choice they desire to open. If
6 the entity is able to accomplish the requirements outlined by a “converted school”
7 then it would be able to apply under that license if it so desires. Otherwise, the entity
8 can apply as a “new” school and invest in its infrastructure.

9 **Section 2.** § 12106(g) of Chapter 12, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, is
10 hereby *amended* to read as follows:

11 “(g) The total number of Academy Charter Schools operating on
12 Guam under this Chapter at any one (1) time *shall not* exceed seven (7). At
13 least two (2) Academy Charter Schools *shall* be an elementary school; at least
14 one (1) Academy Charter School *shall* be a middle school; and, at least one
15 (1) Academy Charter School *shall* be a high school. An Academy Charter
16 School applicant *shall* submit a written request to the Superintendent or the
17 Guam Education Board to determine whether an available or suitable facility
18 exists within the Department before the applicant submits its application to
19 the Council. If a response is not provided within thirty (30) days of receipt of
20 the request, the applicant *may* submit its application without said
21 determination to the Council.”

22 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
23 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity *shall*
24 *not* affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without
25 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
26 severable.

27 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act *shall* be effective upon enactment.