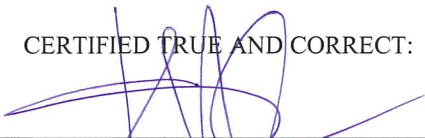


**I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**2022 (SECOND) Regular Session**  
**VOTING RECORD**

NAME	Aye	Nay	Not Voting/ Abstained	Out During Roll Call	Absent	Excused
Senator V. Anthony Ada	✓					
Senator Frank Blas Jr.	✓					
Senator Joanne Brown	✓					
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas	✓					
Senator James C. Moylan	✓					
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes	✓					
Senator Telen Cruz Nelson					✓	✓
Senator Sabina Flores Perez	✓					
Senator Clynton E. Ridgell					✓	✓
Senator Joe S. San Agustin	✓					
Senator Amanda L. Shelton	✓					
Senator Telo T. Taitague	✓					
Senator Jose "Pedro" Terlaje	✓					
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje	✓					
Senator Mary Camacho Torres					✓	✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

  
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 RENNAEW. G. MENO  
 Clerk of the Legislature

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***I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2021 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 41-36 (COR)**

As amended by the Committee on Health, Land,  
Justice, and Culture; and substituted and further  
amended on the Floor.

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Introduced by:

Therese M. Terlaje  
Joanne Brown  
Telo T. Taitague  
Sabina Flores Perez  
Tina Rose Muña Barnes  
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Jose “Pedo” Terlaje  
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**AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 4210 OF ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 4,  
TITLE 19, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO  
EXPEDITING SOCIAL STUDIES FOR ADOPTIONS.**

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

2           **Section 1.**   § 4210 of Article 2, Chapter 4, Title 19, Guam Code Annotated,  
3 is hereby *amended* to read:

4                   **“§ 4210.   Social Study.**

1           (a)    Upon the filing of a petition, the court shall direct that a social study be  
2 conducted by the Division and that a report in writing of such study be submitted to  
3 the court prior to the hearing, except that where the child's guardian or the person  
4 whose consent to adoption is required is an officer of the Division, it shall file with  
5 the court prior to the hearing a report of its social study. The court may order  
6 additional social studies if it deems necessary. Social studies may also be made at  
7 the discretion of the Administrator of the Division of Children's Wellness prior to  
8 the filing of a petition on the request of birth parents, potential adoptive parents, or  
9 Child Protective Services. The social study shall include the social history, the  
10 present condition of the child, the child's placement in the home of the petitioners  
11 and his adjustment therein, the suitability of such home and such other information  
12 as may be pertinent to the adoption proceeding, and the report submitted shall  
13 include such information, a recommendation, and the reasons therefore as to whether  
14 or not the petition for adoption should be granted and shall be accompanied by a  
15 verified transcript of the child's birth certificate. The purpose of the social study and  
16 report is to aid the court in making disposition of the petition and shall be considered  
17 by the court prior thereto.

18           (b)    In order to ensure timely social studies are conducted and  
19 submitted to the court, the Administrator of the Division of Children's  
20 Wellness may authorize personnel from other divisions or agencies, or may  
21 procure services from private contractors or retired personnel of the Division  
22 or other divisions or agencies of the government of Guam, to conduct social  
23 studies; provided, that such social studies shall be submitted to the Division  
24 for review and approval prior to submission to the court. When a Guam  
25 resident files a petition for adoption in another jurisdiction, the Division may  
26 charge the Guam resident(s) a fee for social studies conducted under this  
27 Section.

1 (c) Minimum Qualifications. Private contractors, personnel from  
2 other divisions or agencies, and retired personnel of the Division or other  
3 divisions or agencies of the government of Guam conducting social studies  
4 under this Section shall first be approved by and have minimum qualifications  
5 as determined by the Administrator of the Division of Children’s Wellness.

6 (d) Prior to the procurement of services for any social study  
7 conducted by private contractors, personnel from other divisions or agencies,  
8 and retired personnel of the Division, or other divisions or agencies of the  
9 government of Guam, the Administrator of the Division of Children’s  
10 Wellness shall immediately submit a report to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan*  
11 *Guåhan* containing the minimum qualifications required of such individuals  
12 or entities.”

13 **Section 2.** The Compiler of Laws is authorized to amend all references to  
14 the “Division of Social Services” in Chapter 4 of Title 19, Guam Code Annotated,  
15 to refer to the “Division of Children’s Wellness.”

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