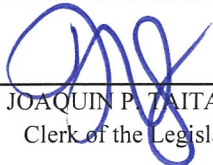


**I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**2024 (SECOND) Regular Session**  
**VOTING RECORD**

Bill No. 98-37 (COR) As amended by the Committee on Education, Public Safety and the Arts.	Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco Legislative Session Hall Guam Congress Building February 23, 2024					
NAME	Aye	Nay	Not Voting/ Abstained	Out During Roll Call	Absent	Excused
Senator Chris Barnett	✓					
Senator Frank Blas, Jr.	✓					
Senator Joanne Brown	✓					
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas	✓					
Senator Thomas J. Fisher	✓					
Senator Jesse A. Lujan	✓					
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes	✓					
Senator William A. Parkinson	✓					
Senator Sabina Flores Perez	✓					
Senator Roy A. B. Quinata	✓					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin	✓					
Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas	✓					
Senator Amanda L. Shelton	✓					
Senator Telo T. Taitague	✓					
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje	✓					

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Not Voting/ Abstained</b>	<b>Out During Roll Call</b>	<b>Absent</b>
			<b>Excused</b>		

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

  
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 JOAQUIN P. TAITAGUE  
 Clerk of the Legislature

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1           This Act shall be known as the “*Guam Public Schools ADA Compliance*  
2 *Act of 2023.*”

3           **§ 55102. Legislative Findings and Intent.**

4           *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that accessibility is a fundamental right for  
5 all individuals, including students with disabilities, in order to ensure equal  
6 access to educational opportunities. *I Liheslatura* further finds that most  
7 public schools in Guam are not compliant with the accessibility requirements  
8 of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and its amendments, resulting  
9 in barriers to access and inclusion for students with disabilities.

10           The purpose of this Act is to establish a comprehensive framework to  
11 ensure that all public schools in Guam are fully compliant with the  
12 accessibility requirements of the ADA, and to promote inclusive and  
13 accessible educational environments for all students.

14           **§ 55103. Definitions.**

15           As used in this Chapter:

16           (a) *ADA* means the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990,  
17 as amended.

18           (b) *Public schools* means all public schools in Guam,  
19 including primary, middle, and high schools.

20           **§ 55104. Implementation of ADA Compliance Plan.**

21           (a) Within one hundred eighty (180) days of the enactment of this  
22 Act, the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) shall develop and  
23 implement a comprehensive plan to ensure that all public schools in Guam are  
24 fully compliant with the accessibility requirements of the ADA. The plan shall  
25 include, but not be limited to, the following:

1 (1) a thorough accessibility audit of all public schools in  
2 Guam conducted by qualified accessibility experts to identify areas of  
3 non-compliance;

4 (2) a timeline for addressing identified areas of non-  
5 compliance, including prioritization based on severity and urgency;

6 (3) detailed specifications for modifications and  
7 improvements necessary to achieve ADA compliance, including  
8 architectural modifications, installation of accessibility features and  
9 equipment, and training for school staff on ADA requirements and  
10 disability awareness;

11 (4) a plan for ongoing monitoring and reporting on progress  
12 towards ADA compliance, including regular progress updates, to *I*  
13 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* (the Guam Legislature) and the public; and

14 (5) a plan for ensuring that any new construction or renovation  
15 of public schools in Guam shall comply with the accessibility  
16 requirements of the ADA and other applicable federal and local  
17 accessibility standards.

18 (b) The GDOE shall allocate adequate financial resources to  
19 implement the ADA compliance plan, which may include seeking federal  
20 grants, partnerships with local or federal agencies, American Rescue Plan  
21 funds, and other funding sources.

22 **§ 55105. Accessibility Training and Education.**

23 (a) The GDOE shall provide regular training and education for all  
24 school staff, including teachers, administrators, and support staff, on ADA  
25 requirements, disability awareness, and best practices for promoting inclusive  
26 and accessible educational environments.

1 (b) The GDOE shall collaborate with disability advocacy  
2 organizations and experts in the field of accessibility to develop and  
3 implement training programs for school staff, as well as educational materials  
4 and resources for students and parents on disability awareness and inclusion.

5 **§ 55106. Reporting and Accountability.**

6 (a) The GDOE shall provide regular progress reports to *I*  
7 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* (the Guam Legislature) and the public on the  
8 implementation of the ADA compliance plan, including updates on the status  
9 of accessibility audits, modifications and improvements made, and progress  
10 towards achieving full ADA compliance in all public schools in Guam.

11 **§ 55107. Conflicts with the ADA, the IDEA, or any other Federal Law.**

12 Any provision of this Chapter that is found to be in conflict with the  
13 Americans with Disabilities Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education  
14 Act, or any other federal law, rule or regulation is void.”

15 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.