

I MINA' TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Bill No. 111-33(LS.)

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO AMEND § 77119 TO CHAPTER 77, TITLE
10 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; RELATIVE TO
THE ASSIGNMENT OF POLICE OFFICERS.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the
3 Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority ("GHURA") owns and
4 manages four (4) Asset Management Properties ("AMP") each consisting
5 of numerous public housing units, throughout Guam which are occupied
6 by GHURA tenants. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that crime and
7 violence have significantly increased during the past several years at the
8 AMPs affecting the safety and security of the residents. Many of the
9 residents living in the AMPs have expressed a desire and need for the
10 development and establishment of on-site law enforcement to provide
11 vital police and security services for the protection and benefit of the
12 residents and their families.

13 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that government resources are scarce
14 and there is a lack of adequate funding to pay for police and security
15 services within GHURA's budget in order to address these critical and
16 necessary services and therefore a viable option involves the

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1 establishment of a cooperative relationship between GHURA and the
2 Guam Police Department through a Housing Security Services Program.

3 **Section 2.** § 77119, Chapter 77, Title 10 of the Guam Code Annotated
4 is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

5 “§ 77119. **Assignment of Police Officers.** The Chief of Police,
6 or his designee, may assign police officers consistent with the needs
7 of the Department to the villages so as to be the most efficient in
8 carrying out the purposes of the Department to preserve the peace, to
9 enforce the law and to prevent and detect crime. The Chief of Police
10 may assign those hired as limited term police officers to serve as a
11 school resource officer, who at the minimum will be responsible for
12 addressing drugs and violence in the schools, the investigation of
13 criminal activity involving juveniles, and other duties as agreed upon
14 by the parties in a Memorandum of Understanding and whose
15 employment shall be on a school-year basis. Further the Chief of
16 Police or his designee, may provide opportunity to officers and/or
17 civilian volunteer police reserve officers to reside in the Guam
18 Housing and Urban Renewal Authority Asset Management Properties
19 consistent with a Memorandum of Understanding under the Housing
20 Security Service Program between the Department and the Guam
21 Housing and Urban Renewal Authority.

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23 **Section 3. Enactment.** This Act is effective upon enactment.