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Bill No. 317-37 (COR)

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE OPERATION OF GUAM
PUBLIC SCHOOLS THAT ARE AWAITING INSPECTION
FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM.

Section 1. Legislative Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that, because of the stringent inspection regulations placed upon Guam public schools and the short timeframe given to the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) to comply with these regulations, nineteen (19) public schools around the island will not meet the inspection of deadline of June 30, 2024 and will not be allowed to operate for the school year 2024-2025, forcing the schools that are allowed to operate to accommodate the students of these nineteen schools and create undue stress to our education system. These nineteen schools have safety regulations and standards in place and are deemed usable, so condemning these schools because they are pending inspection is unreasonable. With this, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* intends to enact legislation to allow the operation of public schools that are awaiting inspection for the upcoming school year. Allowing the operation of Guam's public schools while awaiting inspection will prevent stress on our education system, allow the children of Guam to continue their education in a regular manner, and prevent their parents

16 from being subjected to the irregular schedules that will be created if the schools are
17 shut down.

18 **Section 2. Authorization to Operate Guam Public Schools for School Year**
19 **2024-2025.**

20 Notwithstanding any provisions of law, the Guam Department of Education
21 (GDOE) is hereby authorized to operate schools that are awaiting inspection for
22 school year 2024-2025. GDOE schools that have failed inspection may continue to
23 operate at the discretion and approval of the Superintendent of GDOE.

24 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.

25 **Section 4. Severability.** *If* any of the provisions of this Act or the application
26 thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity *shall not* affect
27 any other provision or application of this Act which can be given effect without the
28 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
29 severable.