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Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 18 OF
TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO
EDUCATOR RECERTIFICATION.**

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

2 **Section 1.** Article 5 is hereby *added* to Chapter 18 of Title 5, Guam Code
3 Annotated to read:

4 **Article 5**

5 **Educator Recertification**

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7 **§18501. Legislative Findings and Intent.**

8 I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that the recertification process for educators
9 employed by the Department of education requires them to periodically complete
10 college level courses at their own personal expense. The choice and subject matter of
11 such courses are left to the discretion of the individual educators.

12 I Liheslatura also finds that there are benefits to the Department of Education if
13 such recertification courses are targeted to improve the educator's teaching methods,
14 language arts/ mathematics skill, proficiency in the specific subject matter the educator
15 teachers and/or proficiency in the use of computers and the internet.

16 I Liheslatura further finds that between sixty and seventy percent of the operating
17 costs of the Guam Community College and the University of Guam is funded through
18 direct appropriation from the General Fund or other special funds of the Government of
19 Guam. I Liheslatura also finds that each semester, courses are offered at both

1 institutions that are not filled to capacity. Such courses cost the respective institutions
2 the same amount to offer as does a class filled to capacity. I Liheslatura also finds that
3 the cost of educator recertification courses required for continual employment with the
4 Department of Education has been the responsibility of the educator and not the
5 Department.

6 *I Liheslatura* intends to provide support for educator recertification by offering
7 two options that would either (1) provide full support for a structured curriculum via
8 the Dr. Antonio C. Yamashita Educator Corps designed to improve teaching methods,
9 increase proficiency in language arts/ mathematics, increase proficiency in the teaching
10 subject area or increase proficiency in the use of computers and the internet; and (2)
11 provide space-available free tuition for courses taken for recertification that are not part
12 of a structured curriculum.

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14 **§18502. Structured Curriculum Option.** Educators selecting the *Structured*
15 *Curriculum Option* shall be required to complete their recertification courses in any of
16 the following areas:

- 17 (a) Courses providing reinforcement of the educator’s instruction methods,
18 (b) Courses providing reinforcement of the educator’s language arts or
19 mathematics skill
20 (c) Courses providing reinforcement of the educator’s teaching subjects, and
21 (d) Courses providing proficiency in the use of computers and the internet.

22 Educators completing recertification courses under this option may select courses
23 from one or more of the four categories herein.

24 **§18503. Structured Curriculum Option: Approval of Course Listing.** The
25 allowable courses for each teaching class or teaching specialty shall be approved by the

1 Dr. Antonio C. Yamashita Educator Corps Council. The educator must meet the
2 admission prerequisite requirements for such courses.

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4 **§18504. Structured Curriculum Option: Benefits.** Educators selecting the
5 *Structured Curriculum Option* for recertification shall be entitled to the payment of
6 tuition, books and fees by the Dr. Antonio C. Yamashita Educator Corps..

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8 **§18505. Space Available Option.** Educators employed by the Department of
9 Education not selecting the *Structured Curriculum Option* defined herein this Article
10 may take courses on a tuition-free space-available basis at the Guam Community
11 College or the University of Guam. Allowable courses shall be limited to those on the
12 respective institution's regular fall/spring schedule of classes and each educator must
13 meet the admission prerequisite requirements for such courses. Such free space available
14 tuition shall be limited to the number of courses required by the Department of
15 Education for recertification. The cost of fees and books are not covered under this
16 option.

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18 **§18506. Space Available Option: Memorandum of Understanding.** The Dr.
19 Antonio C. Yamashita Educator Corps Council is hereby authorized to enter into
20 Memoranda of Understanding with the University of Guam and the Guam Community
21 College to provide free tuition on a space available basis for educators employed by the
22 Department of Education for courses appearing on the respective institution's regular
23 fall/spring schedule of classes; provided, that such educators meet the admission
24 requirements for such courses.

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1 **§18507. Conditions of Acceptance.** Educators accepted into this program
2 herein shall agree to the following conditions:

3 (1) To successfully complete the course,

4 (2) That the educator will remain employed by Department of Education in the
5 position for which the educator is seeking recertification for a period or not less than
6 One (1) school year following completion of the courses,

7 (3) Present an eligibility certificate from the Department of Education that
8 includes Educator's present teaching concentration, and

9 (4) Agree to repay the Dr. Antonio C. Yamashita Educator Corps for benefits
10 provided if the conditions of this section are *not* met.

11 **§18509. Funding.** Funding for the Dr. Antonio C. Yamashita Educator Corps to
12 administer and conduct the program herein this Article may come from any or all of the
13 following sources:

14 (1) Direct appropriation by I Liheslaturan Guåhan for the express purpose of
15 funding the program created herein this Article,

16 (2) Appropriations made to Dr. Antonio C. Yamashita Educator Corps,

17 (3) Collections of past due amounts resulting from participants failure to
18 complete service credit requirements,

19 (4) The operation budget of the Department of Education for staff development,

20 (5) Federal Funds secured by the Department of Education for staff development,
21 and,

22 (6) Any other source of funding for which the use of money for the purposes here
23 in is *not* inconsistent with Public Law.

24 **§18509. Rules and Regulation.** The Dr. Antonio C. Yamashita Educator Corps
25 shall promulgate Rules and Regulations for the program herein this Article.