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**AN ACT TO ADD, SECTION 3125, ARTICLE 1,
CHAPTER 3, DIVISION 2, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE
ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE BASIC
OBJECTIVES OF AN ADEQUATE PUBLIC
EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** I Liheslaturan Guåhan
3 finds providing an adequate public educational system is the duty of the
4 government of Guam expressly created by the island's highest governing
5 document, the Organic Act of Guam. It is clear that the government has the
6 responsibility to provide all children an adequate public education that
7 enables them with the skills, knowledge, attitudes and experiences necessary
8 to ensure their highest potential for success and life-long learning.

9 I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that neither the Organic Act and Guam's
10 statutes clearly set forth the objectives of an adequate public educational
11 system.

1 It is the intent of I Liheslaturan Guåhan to ensure that the government of
2 Guam keeps its Organic Act mandated responsibility to provide adequate
3 public education for our children. By laying down the basic objectives of an
4 adequate public education that are plainly stated, and understood by the
5 government of Guam, educators, students, and parents.

6 **Section 2. Section 3125, Article 1, Chapter 3, Division 2, Title 17 of the**
7 **Guam Code Annotated is hereby added to read as follows:**

8 "§ 3125. Adequate Public Educational System Objectives.

9 (a) The basic objectives of an adequate public educational system are:

10 (1) Parents will be full partners with educators in the education of
11 their children.

12 (2) Students will be encouraged and challenged to meet their full
13 educational potentials.

14 (3) Through enhanced dropout prevention efforts, all students will
15 remain in school until they obtain a high school diploma.

16 (4) A well-balanced and appropriate curriculum will be provided to
17 all students.

18 (5) Educators will prepare students to be thoughtful, active citizens
19 who have an appreciation for the basic values of our island and
20 national heritage and who can understand and productively
21 function in a free enterprise society.

22 (6) Qualified and highly effective personnel will be recruited,
23 developed, and retained.

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(7) Students will demonstrate exemplary performance in comparison to national and international standards.

(8) School campuses will maintain a safe and disciplined environment conducive to student learning.

(9) Educators will keep abreast of the development of creative and innovative techniques in instruction and administration using those techniques as appropriate to improve student learning.

(10) Technology will be implemented and used to increase the effectiveness of student learning, instructional management, staff development, and administration.

(b) The government of Guam shall provide the necessary resources to the Department of Education to meet the basic objectives of an adequate public education."