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MINA' BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Bill No. 87 (LS)

Introduced by:

L.F. Kasperbauer *LFK*

AN ACT TO RESERVE THE SUM OF THIRTEEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$13,500,000) FROM THE DEBT SERVICE SAVINGS RESULTING FROM THE PAYOFF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM'S 1995 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION.

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that
3 the Government of Guam's average debt service on the 1995 General Obligation Bond
4 is approximately \$17,995,000 per year. *I Liheslatura* further finds that the bond will be
5 paid off in Fiscal year 2006 and will have a balance at the end of Fiscal Year 2005 of a
6 little more than \$2,210,000. Therefore approximately \$15,785,000 that was
7 appropriated for annual debt service since 1995 will no longer be needed for debt
8 service in FY 2006 and can be used for priority areas such as Education, Public Safety
9 and Healthcare.

10 It is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to reserve, through advance appropriation of
11 FY2006 revenues, the sum of Thirteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
12 (\$13,500,000) for education and reserve the balance for Public Safety and Healthcare.
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14 **Section 2. Advance Continuing Appropriation for Public Education.** The
15 Sum of Thirteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$13,500,000) is hereby
16 appropriated from the General Fund beginning with Fiscal Year 2006 revenues and
17 continuing annually thereafter for Public Education to be allocated as follows:

1 (a) Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) to the Department of Education for
2 implementation of the recommendations of the Compensation Study provided for in
3 Section 4 of this Act.

4 (b) Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) appropriated for debt service on the
5 Government of Guam's 1993 General Obligation Bond in consideration of the
6 forgiveness of the University of Guam's debt service payments on said Bond as
7 provided for by Section 5 of this Act. Such appropriation shall continue until such
8 obligation is repaid.

9 (c) One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) to the Guam Community College for its
10 general operations.

11 (d) Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) to the Dr. Antonio C.
12 Yamashita Educator Corps for Educator Recertification as provided by Article 5 of
13 17GCA: Chapter 18.

14 (e) One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to the Guam Public Library
15 for the purpose of operating branch libraries.

16 (f) One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to the Guam Educational
17 Telecommunications Corporation (KGTF) for PBS (Public Broadcasting System)
18 programming cost increases.

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20 **Section 3. Reservation of the funds for Public Safety and Healthcare.** The
21 balance of the funds currently used for debt service on the 1995 Government of Guam
22 General Obligation Bond that is not appropriated under Section 2 of this Act is hereby
23 reserved for Public Safety and Healthcare. For purposes of this Section, Public Safety
24 and Healthcare agencies shall include the Guam Police Department, The Guam Fire
25 Department, The Department of Law (Attorney General), The Department of Public
26 Health and Social Services, The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse,

1 the Support Services Division of the Department of Integrated Services for Individuals
2 with Disabilities, the Medically Indigent Program and the Guam Memorial Hospital
3 Authority.

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5 **Section 4. Compensation Study for DOE Educators.** The Civil Service
6 Commission shall conduct a compensation study for educators employed by the
7 Department of Education. For purposes of this Section, educators shall be defined as
8 teachers, health and guidance counselors, and librarians. The cost of the study shall be
9 the responsibility of the Department of Education. Notwithstanding any provision of
10 law, the Superintendent may transfer such funds necessary to the Civil Service
11 Commission to conduct such study. The cost of such study shall not exceed the sum of
12 Fifty Thousand dollars (\$50,000) unless approved by the Guam Education Policy
13 Board. The compensation study shall be completed prior to August 31, 2005.

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15 **Section 5. Forgiveness of the Debt Service Obligations of the University of**
16 **Guam on 1993 General Obligation Bond.** Subsection (k) of §22425 of Chapter 22 of
17 Title 5, Guam Code Annotated is hereby repealed in its entirety.