

MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
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Bill No. 243(LS)

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$155,262.00) FROM THE HEALTHY FUTURES FUND TO THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE LOCAL MATCHING REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL FUNDING AWARDED FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF PROCURING NEW HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE TO UPGRADE THE CHILD SUPPORT COMPUTER SYSTEM AKA ABSENT PARENT AUTOMATED SYSTEM INFORMATION (APASI).

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

2           **Section 1. Legislative Intent and Findings.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that  
3 the child support computer system also known as Absent Parent Automated System  
4 Information (APASI) used by the Office of the Attorney General has not been  
5 upgraded or updated since 1996. The Child Support Enforcement Division (CSED)  
6 uses the system to perform certain tasks such as license suspension, passport denial,  
7 and automated income withholding. The current hardware and software being  
8 utilized by the APASI system is outdated and continues to be a risk for the  
9 maintenance and operation of the system.

10           Covansys, the prime vendor contracted to maintain and operate the APASI  
11 system, has indicated several issues and risks related to the APASI hardware,  
12 system software, network and infrastructure components that require immediate  
13 mitigation. The potential impact, should the system fail, freeze or crash, would be

1 an unrecoverable system, loss of data, exposure and accessibility of confidential  
2 information. CSED personnel will resort to manual processing of information which  
3 will delay, at the very least, compilation of data required for court hearings and  
4 child support payments. Every child depends on these checks for their food,  
5 clothing and shelter.

6 Therefore, it is the intent of the *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to provide the necessary  
7 funding to the Office of the Attorney General to upgrade the APASI system to  
8 stabilize the network system and avoid the risk of a breakdown.

9 **Section 2.** One Hundred Fifty-five Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-two  
10 Dollars (\$155,262.00) is hereby appropriated from the Healthy Futures Fund to the  
11 Office of the Attorney General for the sole purpose of procuring new hardware and  
12 software to upgrade and update the APASI system.