



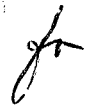
**MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
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**AN ACT TO ADD NEW §1108 AND §1108.1 TO DIVISION 1
CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE 17 GCA TO REFLECT A HOLISTIC
APPROACH THAT EDUCATION ENCOMPASSES “K THROUGH
16” RATHER THAN “K THROUGH 12,” AND TO ENSURE THAT
THE GUAM PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, UNIVERSITY OF
GUAM, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, GUAM
EDUCATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION
(KGTF), AND THE GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM ARE
PRIORITY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE
APPROPRIATION AND RELEASE OF FUNDS.**

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

2 **Section 1. A New §1108 AND §1108.1 Are Added To Division 1 Chapter 1 of**
3 **Title 17 GCA to read:**

4 **“§1108. Legislative Intent. I Liheslaturan Guahan** recognizes that the
5 educational system of our island is critical to the life-long learning of the children, youth,
6 and adults of Guam. It also finds that Grades K-16 are priority levels for the purposes of
7 program, planning, and funding of the Guam Public School System, University of Guam,
8 Guam Community College, Guam Educational Telecommunications Corporation
9 (KGTF), and the Guam Public Library System. These institutions collectively and
10 individually contribute to the well-being and educational growth of the people of Guam
11 and to the economic future of the island, and are of equal importance and priority. The
12 antiquated notion that education means only K through 12 fails to recognize that
13 education is a continuum across a broad spectrum of teaching and learning at all levels. In

1 today's world, there is a great need to recognize that the educational needs of the
2 community, include programs and services beyond the high school level with respective
3 accreditation standards that must be met.

4 Therefore, it is the policy of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* that these institutions be
5 funded as a priority of the Government of Guam and that they receive their full
6 authorized appropriation in a timely manner each fiscal year to ensure the delivery of
7 programs and services, and to provide the learning environment necessary to support the
8 educational, economic, and social development needs of the community, and to ensure
9 the national and international recognition of the academic standing of these institutions. *I*
10 *Liheslaturan Guahan* also recognizes that the Guam Public School System, University of
11 Guam, Guam Community College, Guam Educational Telecommunications Corporation
12 (KGTF), and the Guam Public Library System cannot meet their missions to provide
13 excellent public education for the residents of Guam and meet national and international
14 accreditation standards, without the timely release of allotments and appropriations set
15 forth in current applicable budget laws.

16 **§1108.1 Timely and Full Release of Appropriations.** Priority funding for
17 public education in Guam shall incorporate grades K-16 and the publicly funded
18 institutions that deliver learning and support services to grades K-16 are the Guam Public
19 School System, University of Guam, Guam Community College, Guam Educational
20 Telecommunications Corporation (KGTF), and the Guam Public Library System.”