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**AN ACT TO AMEND §8107 TITLE 17 OF THE GUAM
CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO REQUIRING
SUFFICIENT CLASSROOMS FOR *CHAMORRO*
LANGUAGE AND CULTURE COURSES IN EVERY
PUBLIC SCHOOL.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that the teaching of *Chamorro* Language and Culture requires specialized expertise, as the instructional content is in and of itself unique in nature. As means to enhance and cultivate the practice of the *Chamorro* language and culture, instructors must incorporate all elements of teaching through visual aids, hands-on experience, conversational repetition and practice and to do so successfully will require a classroom used specifically and exclusively for such purpose. This will allow students to be fully immersed in the practice of the *Chamorro* language and culture. Additionally, hands-on experience of the *Chamorro* culture includes but is not limited to, cooking, weaving, carving, and cultural dance.

1 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to continue to
2 preserve, perpetuate, and promote the *Chamorro* culture through the
3 teaching of the *Chamorro* language and Culture to our students.
4 Furthermore, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the provisioning of dedicated
5 space for the expressed purpose as stated herein, raises the level of
6 importance of cultural preservation and enables instruction to occur in a
7 quality learning environment that is not ad hoc.

8 **Section 2.** §8107 of Chapter 8 of Title 17 of the Guam Code
9 Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:

10 (1) **“§8107. *Chamorro Language and Culture Classroom(s)***

11 **Required.** The Board shall require that every existing or new
12 public school where new classrooms are constructed must provide
13 sufficient classroom(s) for the exclusive purpose of *Chamorro*
14 Language and Culture instruction. For all other existing public
15 schools, the Board shall ~~immediately implement a study to~~
16 ~~determine the most feasible methods to provide sufficient~~
17 ~~classroom(s) for the exclusive purpose of *Chamorro* Language and~~
18 ~~Culture instruction,~~ dedicate a permanent classroom used
19 exclusively for *Chamorro* studies to ensure the permanency and
20 quality of instructional delivery of *Chamorro* Language and
21 Culture, by providing one (1) classroom per *Chamorro* Language
22 teacher designated for such use per elementary and secondary
23 school.