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**AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 3112.2 OF ARTICLE 1,  
CHAPTER 3, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED  
RELATIVE TO CREATING A SAFE SCHOOLS PROGRAM:  
SCHOOL CRIME STOPPERS.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.**

3 *I Liheslaturan Guahan* finds there is a need to address the continual  
4 rash of crimes that have victimized our students and our community for  
5 years – that there is a need to implement measures so students, faculty, staff,  
6 administrators and the entire community can take ownership of the  
7 protection of our island schools and put a stop to these senseless acts so that  
8 school communities can continuously function with a sense of security and  
9 safety.

10 *I Liheslatura* further finds that the Guam Crime Stoppers has been an  
11 effective tool in the reporting and apprehension of individuals suspected of  
12 having committed crimes against the community. There is another  
13 component to this program that has been found to be effective in reducing  
14 crimes in schools throughout international jurisdictions. According to Crime  
15 Stoppers USA, the first student Crime Stoppers program was started in a  
16 Boulder, Colorado high school in 1983. Now, over 2,000 programs exist in

1 middle and high schools, community colleges and colleges throughout the  
2 nation.

3 *I Liheslatura* finds that funding from the Title 5, Part A, Innovative  
4 Program Consolidated Grant, US Department of Education – that has as its  
5 components: Project A, Anti-bullying and Project B, Play by the Rules  
6 Program and identifies School Resource Officers – may not be available or  
7 may be limited.

8 *I Liheslatura* further finds that through communication with  
9 stakeholders there is a willingness and support for the implementation of a  
10 Crime Stoppers program for schools. *I Liheslatura*, therefore, intends to  
11 provide the Guam Department of Education with an additional method to  
12 help curb and prevent crimes from occurring in our schools and communities  
13 that may be implemented at minimal costs driven by the community’s need  
14 to stop crimes in our schools and against the community.

15 **Section 2. A new § 3112.2 of Article 1, Chapter 3, Title**  
16 **17, Guam Code Annotated, is added to read:**

17 **“§ 3112.2 Safe Schools Program: School Crime Stoppers**

18 The Board of Education (“Board”) *shall* adopt a policy to address  
19 crimes being committed within the Guam Department of Education schools  
20 (“GDOE”). The board *shall* implement crime-prevention efforts found  
21 successful in other jurisdictions and implement such policies.

22 The policy shall include, but is not limited to the following:

23 (1) School Safety Coordinator- Each school *shall* identify a  
24 School Safety Coordinator – an administrator or school  
25 counselor –who will be responsible for overseeing the program  
26 for individual GDOE schools and shall seek grant or funding

1 opportunities –in partnership with school parent organization,  
2 and other partnership opportunities to strengthen and  
3 enable/support the School Crime Stoppers Program  
4 (“Program”).

5 (2) Schools Resource Officer- At such a time when funding  
6 becomes available through GDOE grants specific to this  
7 position, the duties stated in this section shall apply to the  
8 Schools Resource Officer (“SRO”), subject to approval of the  
9 GDOE Superintendent and the consent Guam Board of  
10 Education.

11 (a) In addition to duties identified in Title 5, Part A,  
12 Innovative Program Consolidated Grant, the SRO shall  
13 work with GDOE Student Support Services Unit serving as  
14 a liaison for GDOE in interactions with the Guam Police  
15 Department, the Guam Crime Stoppers, non-profit  
16 organizations, and village mayors to develop procedures  
17 for the School Crime Stoppers Program.

18 (b) The SRO shall also be tasked with organizing awareness  
19 and education events for students and the broader  
20 community with the Guam Police Department, Guam  
21 Crime Stoppers, Office of the Attorney General, and other  
22 relative agencies and organizations, as well as training for  
23 administrators, faculty, staff, school parent organizations  
24 and families. The SRO will also work with Mayors of the  
25 respective village schools to identify needs for the School  
26 Crime Stoppers Program.

1                   (c) Partnership with Guam Crime Stoppers – The Board shall  
2                   explore options of developing a partnership with the Guam  
3                   Crime Stoppers to identify the Safe Schools Program needs  
4                   such as securing phone services, implementing procedures  
5                   for online web tips and texting tips for the reporting of  
6                   crimes that occur on Guam Department of Education  
7                   campuses, and other related needs.

8                   (d) Partnership with community – The School Resource  
9                   Officer shall identify non-profit organizations, school-  
10                  based organizations, Community Assisted Policing Effort  
11                  (CAPE) opportunities, and retail organizations that may  
12                  want to participate in School Crime Stoppers through  
13                  awareness and education efforts as well as through  
14                  incentive efforts.

15                  (e) If funding, however, does not allow for SROs, then School  
16                  Safety Coordinators shall act in this capacity until funding  
17                  is identified to put SROs in place.

18                  (3) The Program shall begin with implementation in at least  
19                  three (3) GDOE schools. All schools that request for the  
20                  program, *shall* be given the ability to do so and School  
21                  Safety Coordinators shall coordinate with Guam Crime  
22                  Stoppers on implementation. The remaining schools will  
23                  be phased in with all GDOE schools participating in the  
24                  program within one year of enactment of this Act.”

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26                  **Section 3. A new § 3112.3 of Article 1, Chapter 3, Title**  
27                  **17, Guam Code Annotated, is added to read:**

1           **“§ 3112.3 Safe Schools Trust Fund.**

2           (1) A Safe Schools Trust Fund (hereinafter “Fund”) shall be  
3           established which shall be maintained separate and apart  
4           from other funds of the government of Guam and shall be  
5           kept in a separate bank account and shall not be subject  
6           to any transfer authority of *I Maga’lahen Guahan*. Funds  
7           shall remain in such account and expended by the GDOE  
8           for purposes mandated in this section. Said Fund shall be  
9           examined and reported upon as required by law by the  
10          Superintendent of the GDOE who will serve as the  
11          certifying officer of said Fund.

12          (2) The funds shall be identified from existing grant  
13          opportunities intent on increasing student involvement  
14          and achievement through safe schools, and from  
15          contributions from partnerships, including the requests  
16          for monetary support from the Mayors Council of Guam,  
17          established and developed for the purpose of School  
18          Crime Stoppers.

19          (3) On the first (1st) day of each fiscal quarter, the GDOE  
20          Superintendent shall provide to *I Maga’lahen Guahan* and  
21          the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guahan*, and post on the  
22          Guam Department of Education website, a detailed report  
23          of how funds were allocated and utilized.”

24          **Section 3. Severability.** *If any provision of this law or its*  
25          application to any person *or* circumstance is found to be invalid *or* contrary  
26          to law, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this  
27          law which can be given effect.