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AN ACT TO MANDATE THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE FQ SANCHEZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BY THE GUAM PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM IN ORDER TO CONTINUE OPERATION OF A GOOD SCHOOL FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE OF THE VILLAGE OF UMATAC AND FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM BY ENACTING A NEW § 3122.1 ARTICLE 1, 17 GCA. TO BE HEREBY KNOWN AS:

THE MODEL COMMUNITY SCHOOL PROTECTION ACT.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 **Section 1. Legislative findings.** *I liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that FQ
3 Sanchez Elementary School is a valuable asset of the people of Guam and
4 of the community of Umatac. *I Liheslatura* further finds that it F.Q
5 Sanchez is a model community school, where the majority of children can
6 walk to school, and where every teacher and member of the staff knows
7 every student and their family. F.Q Sanchez is a school that the village of
8 Umatac calls their own, not just because of its historical significance, but
9 and because many of the residents and community members of the village
10 attended the school as well. *I liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that

1 children, families and communities are not just numbers on a spreadsheet
2 but real human beings with real needs, wants and concerns, and that those
3 needs must always take a priority over saving a few dollars. It is therefore
4 the intent of *I Liheslatura* to enact a new § 3122.1, Article 1, 17 GCA to
5 mandate continued operation by the Guam Public School System of the
6 School currently known as F.Q Sanchez Elementary at that Schools current
7 facilities within the village of Umatac.

8 **Section 2. A new § 3122.1, Article 1, 17 GCA is hereby enacted to**
9 **read:**

10 **“§ 3122.1. Continued Operation of F.Q Sanchez Elementary School.**

11 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Historic
12 property and Elementary School which is known as Francisco Q.
13 Sanchez or F.Q. Sanchez Elementary School, located in the village of
14 Umatac, shall continue in perpetuity as an operational Public
15 Elementary school at the current location and facilities of F.Q.
16 Sanchez Elementary, located at 156 San Dionicio Street within the
17 village of Umatac, unless it becomes impracticable.

18 (b) The Guam Public School Systems shall continue to keep F.Q
19 Sanchez Elementary School staffed fully in accordance with staffing
20 patterns established by current collective Bargaining Agreements
21 and/or Board Policy. The Guam Education Policy Board and
22 Superintendent of Education will take all measures necessary and
23 practicable under law to ensure that FQ Sanchez continues to receive
24 adequate supplies and funding necessary for the school to comply
25 with current law, regulation, Collective Bargaining Agreements
26 and/or Board policies.

27 (c) The Guam Public School System (GPSS) board and
28 Superintendent of Education shall continue to request adequate
29 funding on an annual basis to meet the financial needs of F.Q.

1 Sanchez Elementary School from *I Liheslatura* and shall submit
2 funding requests adequate for the needs of F.Q Sanchez Elementary
3 School as otherwise required under law in accordance with the
4 provisions of this article.