

TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH

LEGISLATURE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

_____ Regular Session, 2025

H. B. 24- 70

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To authorize the Public School System (PSS) to utilize unrestricted funds previously appropriated to PSS for Fiscal Year 2026; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE 24TH NORTHERN MARIANAS
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:**

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that the Public
2 School System (PSS) requested through the budget process for Fiscal Year 2026
3 the amount of \$49,285,559.00. The Legislature further finds that Public Law 24-
4 14 (the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget) only allocated \$31,779,008.00 for PSS, which is
5 a difference of \$17,506,551.00. Additionally, the Legislature finds that PSS has
6 unrestricted funds available for its usage in the amount of \$4,911,849.00 but needs
7 legislative action in order to utilize the funds.

8 Therefore, the intent of this Act is to allow PSS to utilize \$4,911,849.00 of
9 its unrestricted funds for Fiscal Year 2026.

10 **Section 2. Enactment.** Notwithstanding any laws, rules or regulations to
11 the contrary PSS is hereby authorized to utilize \$4,911,849.00 of its unrestricted
12 funds for Fiscal Year 2026.

1 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or the application of
2 any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court
3 of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its
4 provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid
5 shall not be affected thereby.


6 **Section 4. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein
7 shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or
8 acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted
9 under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding
10 instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have
11 the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal,
12 which shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

13 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by
14 the Governor, or it becoming law without such approval.

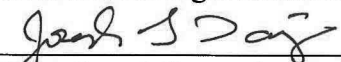
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Date: _____

Introduced by: _____


Rep. Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao

Reviewed for legal sufficiency by:


House Legal Counsel

Date: 10-28-25


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