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§ 20101. Creation of the Legislative Research Bureau.

There is within the University of Guam a Legislative Research Bureau for the use of the Legislature under such regulations as the Director of the Bureau, with the approval of the Committee on Rules of the Legislature, may from time to time provide.

SOURCE: §11890 GC, as added by P.L. 10-102; further amended by P.L. 10-169.

NOTE: This Chapter has not been implemented since the Bureau was discontinued under the Legislature in 1984.

§ 20102. Purposes of Bureau.

The purpose of the Legislative Research Bureau shall be:

(a) To assist the senators of the Legislature in the proper performance of their duties by providing them with impartial and accurate information and reports concerning legislative problems that come or may come before them;

(b) To provide a comprehensive research and reference service on legislative problems;

(c) To secure and compile reports of the various offices, departments and agencies of the government of Guam; and, as far as may be practical and useful, of the Federal Government, of states and other territorial governments, and such other material, periodicals or books as will furnish the fullest information practicable upon all matters pertaining to current or proposed legislation and to legislative problems;

(d) To secure information for the senators by cooperating with the legislative references services of the various states, and territories and with the legislative service conference maintained by the Council of State Governments;

(e) To furnish, upon their written request to any senator, a digest of information and material pertaining to legislative problems;

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(f) To draft or aid in drafting bills and resolutions, and amendments thereto, and to render legal services in connection therewith, for any senator upon request;

(g) To make available for use by the various departments and agencies of the government of Guam, and by the residents of Guam, the reference material and facilities maintained by it.

SOURCE: §11891 GC, as added by P.L. 10-102.

§ 20103. Prohibitions.

Neither the person in charge nor any employee of the Bureau nor any official assigned to work with the Bureau shall reveal to any person outside of the Bureau the contents of any request or statement for services, except upon request of the person making such request or statement.

Neither the person in charge nor any employee of the Bureau shall urge or oppose any legislation nor give to any senator advice concerning the legal, economic or social effect of any proposed bill, except upon the request of such senator.

SOURCE: §11892 GC, as added by P.L. 10-102.

§ 20104. Appointment of Director and Staff.

The Legislative Research Bureau shall be in the charge of a director who shall be the Legislative Counsel. The director, with the approval of the Committee on Rules of the Legislature, shall appoint such technical, clerical and stenographic assistants as may be necessary, which assistants shall be members of the classified service of the Government. The Speaker of the Legislature may assign members of the staff of the Legislature to assist in the work of the Bureau.

SOURCE: §11893 GC, as added by P.L. 10-102.
