

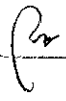
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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Education is an essential key to the development of every individual and it plays an important role in the future of the country. It is certain that education will lead the youth of today to become the new leaders of tomorrow.

Educational institutions especially in the tertiary level offer programs and curricula that would respond to the changing demands of the different sectors and industries. Therefore they have the responsibility to provide their students with the best education possible without having to ask for extra payments.

This bill seeks to penalize educational institutions which require their graduating students to enroll in their preferred or school-operated review centers. There are instances wherein some schools force their students to enroll in their preferred or school-operated review centers, live in their selected dormitories or residences for whatever unexplained reasons.

This violates the student's freedom to choose his/her preferred review center and residence. It would also be a problem to students who experience financial difficulties who, out of necessity opted to avail the services of cheaper review centers or residences. It is the schools' responsibility to equip their students academically as they prepare to take their licensure examinations. To compel them or their parents to enlist in costlier review centers or residences would be an additional burden to them considering the high costs of education today.

For this reason, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
SENATOR RAMON "BONG" REVILLA JR.

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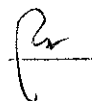


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PENALIZING EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION WHICH COMPELS,  
FORCES OR OBLIGES THEIR GRADUATING STUDENTS WHO ARE  
ENROLLED IN COURSES REQUIRING LICENSURE BOARD  
EXAMINATIONS TO ENROLL FOR A FORMAL REVIEW COURSE  
IN A REVIEW CENTER OWNED OR MANAGED BY SAID SCHOOL  
OR OF THE LATTER'S PREFERENCE

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled.*

**SECTION 1. Short Title.** - This Act shall be known as "*Protection of Student's Right Act of 2011*".

**SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** - The state shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.

**SECTION 3. Prohibited acts.** - It shall be unlawful for any person or educational institution to compel, forces or obliges their graduating students who are enrolled in courses requiring licensure board examinations to enroll in a review center of the former's choice.

It is also prohibited to force the students to enter into an agreement in connection with the transportation, board and lodging accommodation, in relation to his/her choice of review center. It is further unlawful to impose upon the students to enroll in the said review institutions as one of the requirements for graduation.

**SECTION 4. Penalties** - Any person or educational institutions violating Section 3 of this Act shall be penalized with a fine of not less than P50,000 or not more than P500,000 for the first offense. Aside from the fine, suspension or revocation of license may be imposed for succeeding offenses.

**SECTION 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations** - It shall be the duty of the Commission on Higher Education and the Professional Regulation Commission, in consultation with the other stakeholders, to promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulation for the proper implementation of this Act.

**SECTION 6. Separability Clause.** - If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

**SECTION. 7. *Repealing Clause.*** - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to, or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

**SECTION. 8. *Effectivity Clause.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*