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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The internet presents a new resource for our children to learn, grow, and develop educationally and intellectually. The rapid advancement in the field of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) makes available an extensive amount of information and materials that help in supplementing the traditional educational tools formerly used by students.

However, the massive information accessible in the Internet does not always present useful information to the children. Most of the times, the children are exposed to materials/ information that are inappropriate for them such as violence and pornography. They may also become victims of pedophiles lurking in various chat rooms around the internet.

This bill seeks to develop a program or programs on internet safety for our students appropriate to their grade levels. The development of such program shall be spearheaded by the Department of Education in cooperation with other concerned agencies.

In view of the foregoing, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT

**TO DEVELOP AND ADOPT GRADE-LEVEL-APPROPRIATE MODEL PROGRAM
ON INTERNET SAFETY FOR PUPILS IN ALL GRADE LEVELS**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the "Internet Safety Model Program Act of
2 2009".

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4 **SEC. 2.** The Department of Education (DepEd) shall be in charge of developing or
5 adopting one or more model programs designed to provide grade-level-appropriate instruction on
6 internet safety, such as safe surfing tips, proper disclosure of personal information, and others,
7 for pupils in all grade levels in cooperation with the Commission on Information and
8 Communications Technology (CICT), the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) and the
9 Philippine National Police (PNP).

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11 **SEC. 3.** After developing a model program or programs on internet safety, Dep Ed shall
12 make the model program or programs available to Public and Private Schools as well as to
13 Parents of students.

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15 **SEC. 4.** Beginning School Year 2009-2010, each school district shall provide grade-
16 level-appropriate instruction on internet safety for pupils in all grade levels. This instruction may
17 be based on a model program developed or adopted under section 2.

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19 **SEC. 5. Separability Clause.** – Any other laws which are not affected thereby shall
20 continue to be in full force and effect.

1 **SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.*** ~ All acts, laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
2 regulations or parts thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are hereby
3 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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5 **SEC. 7. *Effectivity Clause.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
6 publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,