


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RESOLUTION

URGING THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALARMING INCREASE IN NUMBER OF OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH (OSY) WITH THE END IN VIEW OF DEVISING A WAY TO CURB THE SAME AND FORMULATING THE NECESSARY FRAMEWORK IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE STUDENTS AND MAKE EDUCATION ACCESSIBLE TO ALL FILIPINO YOUTH

Whereas, the first paragraph of Section 17 Article II of the 1987 Constitution states that:

“The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.”;

Whereas, Section 1 Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution declares that:

“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.”;

Whereas, according to the results of the 2010 Annual Poverty Indicators Survey (APIS) released by the National Statistics Office (NSO), the number of Filipino out-of-school youth (OSY) rose in 2010¹;

Whereas, OSYs are identified as family members who are not attending formal school and those who are currently out of school, not gainfully employed and have not finished college or post-secondary course;

Whereas, the report states that 16% or 6.24 million of the estimated 39 million Filipinos whose age ranges from 6 to 24 years old were considered OSY last year, and is higher than the 14.7% or 4.84 million OSYs recorded in the 2002 APIS;

Whereas, the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) continued to have the highest number of OSY Filipinos at 23.6% or almost 404,000 of the population aged 6 to 24 years old;

¹ “Number of out-of-school youth up in 2010-gov’t data,” by Daniel Anne Nepomuceno-Rodriguez, Business World, November 4-5, 2011

Whereas, based on the same report, 28.9% were out of school due to the high cost of education while 27.5% lacked interest;

Whereas, some OSYs need to work to augment the family income and would have to drop out of school while others in the ARMM stop due to armed conflict²;

Whereas, with the tough competition for jobs nowadays even among college graduates, the door to a decent job seems closed to OSYs forever³;

Whereas, the State recognizes that the youth are key agents of socio-economic development and technological innovation in the country and as such, should provide for mechanisms which would make them avail of a decent education which would eventually make them indispensable contributors to national growth and progress;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the alarming increase in number of out-of-school youth (OSY) with the end in view of devising a way to curb the same and formulating the necessary framework in order to accommodate students and make education accessible to all Filipino youth.

Adopted,


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Senator

² <http://www.unicef.org/philippines/8900.html>

³ <http://philippines.usaid.gov/programs/education/success-stories/out-school-youth-get-second-chance>