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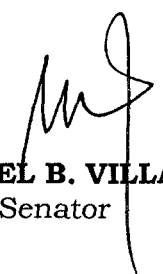
The unhealthy state of our economy at present greatly burdens the society. The effect of our economic problems spans across almost all sectors, including the studentry.

As tuition and school fees continue to increase in both private and public schools, more students find themselves struggling to meet the scheduled dates of payment since failure to do such would mean being disallowed by the school administrators from taking the mid-term or final examinations.

To aid the students in their plight, this bill declares unlawful for any school, public or private, to disallow any student from taking any mid-term or final exam due to non-payment of tuition fees.

Furthermore, this bill seeks to prescribe a reasonable compromise between the competing needs of students and the school administration.

In view of the significance of this bill to our students and the academe, its immediate approval is fervently sought.


MANUEL B. VILLAR, JR.
Senator

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AN ACT
PROHIBITING PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM
DISALLOWING STUDENTS WITH DELIQUENT TUITION FEES TO
TAKE THE MIDTERM OR FINAL EXAMINATIONS AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Unlawful Practice. - It is hereby declared unlawful for any school, public, or private, to disallow any student from taking any mid-term or final examination due to non-payment of tuition fees not exceeding one installment under the established terms of payment prescribed by the school concerned and approved by the Department of Education.

SECTION 2. Rights of School. - Students permitted to take mid-term or final examinations, notwithstanding their being invoke by the school authorities concerned, to the following:

- (a) The school authorities concerned are entitled to withhold the release of the grades of such students until the unpaid tuition fees, plus interest charges, are fully paid.
- (b) A student with an unpaid tuition fee, may not be admitted by the school authorities concerned at the next succeeding semester's classes or at the next succeeding opening of a new academic year, as the case may be, until the prior delinquencies are fully paid.
- (c) The school authorities concerned cannot be compelled to issue clearance to students with financial obligations to their schools, which remain due and unpaid.

SECTION 3. Obligations of Students - The students and/or their parents, unless waived by the school authorities concerned shall be obligated to pay an interest for the unpaid tuition fees, an amount equivalent to not more than fourteen percent (14%), per annum, computed from the date of the examination taken until the tuition fee due and unpaid, are fully liquidated.

SECTION 4. Implementation Guidelines. - The Department of Education shall promulgate the implementing guidelines necessary to enforce the objectives of this Act.

SECTION 5. Penalty Imposed. - Violations of the provisions of this Act shall be punished by the suspension and/or cancellation of the permits of the offending schools and fine of not less than Twenty Thousand Pesos (P20,000.00) but not exceeding Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00).

SECTION 6. Effectivity - This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved,