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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article II provides:

Section 13. The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.

The students need to learn the principles of the free enterprise system in order to instill in them the importance of business ownership and job creation, and to encourage them to pursue entrepreneurship.

This bill establishes the National Commission on Entrepreneurial Education to guide future business owners and operators to be competent, in order to ensure the continued strength of the Philippine economy.*

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1 AN ACT
2 ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON ENTREPRENEURIAL EDUCATION

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

3 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "Entrepreneurial Education
4 Promotion Act."

5 SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is hereby the policy of the State to recognize the
6 vital role of the youth in nation building and to promote their physical, moral, spiritual,
7 intellectual and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and
8 encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.

9 SECTION 3. *Establishment.* - There is hereby created the National Commission on
10 Entrepreneurial Education, hereinafter in this Act referred to as the "Commission."

11 SECTION 4. *Duties.* -

12 (A) *Study of Teaching Methods.* - The Commission shall study the methods of
13 teaching elementary and secondary school students about the free enterprise system. Such study
14 shall include an examination of teaching methods in the following areas:

- 15 (1) Business formation and operations;
16 (2) Marketing;
17 (3) Finance;
18 (4) Management;

- 1 (5) Tax and fiscal policies of national and local governments;
- 2 (6) Investment capital;
- 3 (7) Product development, production, and distribution;
- 4 (8) Labor relations;
- 5 (9) Microeconomic and macroeconomic principles;
- 6 (10) International trade;
- 7 (11) Other areas which the Commission determines are important to achieving
- 8 an understanding of the free enterprise system.

9 (B) *Study of Current Entrepreneurial Education Efforts.* - In addition to conducting
10 the study prescribed in paragraph (A), the Commission shall study current government efforts in
11 foreign countries.

12 (C) *Recommendations.* - Based on studies conducted under paragraphs (A) and (B),
13 the Commission shall develop recommendations on legislative, administrative and other actions
14 which may be taken to improve entrepreneurial education in the Philippines. Such
15 recommendations shall address methods to establish curriculums which instill in elementary and
16 secondary school students an understanding and appreciation of the various components of
17 entrepreneurship and the free enterprise system.

18 SECTION 5, *Membership.* -

19 (A) *Number and Appointment.* - The Commission shall consist of nine (9) members to
20 be appointed not later than one hundred eighty (180) days after the date of the enactment of this
21 Act as follows:

22 (1) *Appointments by the President.* - The President shall appoint a Chairman,
23 a Vice Chairman, and three (3) other members of the Commission.

24 (2) *Appointments by Members of Congress.* - The following members of
25 Congress shall each appoint one (1) member of the Commission:

- 1 (a) The majority leader of the Senate.
- 2 (b) The minority leader of the Senate.
- 3 (c) The Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- 4 (d) The minority leader of the House of Representatives.
- 5 (B) *Qualifications.* -Members of the Commission shall be appointed from among-
 - 6 (1) Owners of large and small business concerns;
 - 7 (2) National and local government officials, including representatives of
 - 8 commerce and trade departments and agencies;
 - 9 (3) Administrators and teachers of elementary and secondary schools;
 - 10 (4) Representatives of labor organizations; and
 - 11 (5) Other individuals qualified to serve in the Commission by virtue of their
 - 12 training and experience.
- 13 (C) *Terms.* -Members shall be appointed for the life of the Commission.
- 14 (D) *Vacancies.* - A vacancy on the Commission shall be filled in the manner in which
- 15 the original appointment was made.
- 16 (E) *Compensation.* - Members of the Commission shall receive no pay on account of
- 17 their service on the Commission, but while away from their homes or places of business in the
- 18 performance of their duties on the Commission, members of the Commission shall be allowed
- 19 travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence.
- 20 (F) *Meetings.* -
 - 21 (1) *Quorum.* - Five (5) members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum
 - 22 but a lesser number may hold hearings.
 - 23 (2) *Voting.* -Decisions of the Commission shall be made according to the vote
 - 24 of a majority of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is
 - 25 present.

26 SECTION 6. *Director and Staff of Commission; Experts and Consultants.* -

1 (A) *Director.* -The Commission shall have a Director who shall be appointed by the
2 Chairman.

3 (B) *Staff.* -Upon the recommendation of the Director, the Chairman may appoint such
4 additional personnel, as the Chairman considers appropriate.

5 (C) *Experts and Consultants.* - With the approval of the Commission, the Chairman
6 may procure temporary and intermittent services of experts and consultants.

7 SECTION 7. *Powers of the Commission.* -

8 (A) *Hearings.* - The Commission may, for the purposes of carrying out its duties
9 under section 4, hold such hearings, sit and act at such times and places, take such testimony, and
10 receive such evidence, as the Commission considers appropriate.

11 (B) *Obtaining Information.* -Except as otherwise provided by law, the Commission
12 may secure directly from any department or agency of the Philippine government information
13 necessary to enable it to carry out its duties under section 4. Upon request of the Chairman of the
14 Commission, the head of a department or agency shall furnish such information to the
15 Commission

16 SECTION 8. *Appropriations.* - Such sum as may be necessary to implement the
17 provisions of this Act is hereby appropriated.

18 SECTION 9. *Report.* -Not later than one (1) year after the date of the first meeting of the
19 Commission, the Commission shall transmit to the President and the Congress a report
20 containing its findings and recommendations.

21 SECTION 10. *Termination.* - The Commission shall terminate not later than two (2)
22 months after submitting a report under section 9.

1 SECTION 11. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision or part thereof is held invalid or
2 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid
3 and subsisting.

4 SECTION 12. *Repealing Clause.* - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
5 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule, or regulation contrary to or inconsistent
6 with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

7 SECTION 13. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
8 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,