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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed legislation designates the Department of Energy as the lead agency for coordinating programs and disseminating information to promote the energy retrofitting of schools. After reviewing all relevant standing programs and financing mechanisms offered by government agencies, the department would coordinate educational and outreach efforts to promote available government opportunities for assistance.

The department would also be authorized to afford technical assistance to public schools to help develop and finance energy efficiency projects.

This bill would not only encourage schools to be more energy efficient, but it would also help school districts cut costs and ensure that funds are available for more useful and educational purposes. In the United States, K-12 school districts currently spend billions on their energy bills each year, and although there are a variety of programs to help reduce costs, it is difficult for school administrators to navigate all of their options.

By improving the effectiveness and awareness of government energy efficiency programs for schools, this legislation would afford school officials the ability to reduce energy waste and realize the economic and environmental benefits of energy efficiency.¹

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¹ This bill was originally filed in the U.S. Senate by Senators Udall and Collins (113th Congress, First Session). <http://www.ase.org/resources/summary-streamlining-energy-efficiency-schools-act-2013>



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1 AN ACT
2 DESIGNATING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AS THE LEAD AGENCY FOR
3 COORDINATING NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL ASSISTANCE
4 PROVIDED TO PROMOTE ENERGY RETROFITTING OF SCHOOLS

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

5 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act may be cited as the “Streamlining Energy
6 Efficiency for Schools Act.”

7 SECTION 2. *Coordination of Energy Retrofitting Assistance for Schools.* –

8 (1) “School” means:

9 (A) an elementary school or secondary school;

10 (B) an institution of higher education;

11 (2) *Designation of Lead Agency.* – The Department of Energy (“Department”)
12 shall act as the lead agency for coordinating and disseminating information on existing
13 government programs and assistance that may be used to help initiate, develop, and
14 finance energy efficiency, renewable energy, and energy retrofitting projects for schools.

15 (3) *Requirements.* – The Department shall:

16 (A) in consultation and coordination with the appropriate government
17 agencies, carry out a review of existing programs and financing mechanisms
18 (including revolving loan funds and loan guarantees) available in or from the
19 Department of Agriculture, the Department of Education, the Bureau of the
20 Treasury, Bureau of Internal Revenue, the Department of Environment and

1 Natural Resources, and other appropriate government agencies with jurisdiction
2 over energy financing and facilitation that are currently used or may be used to
3 help, initiate, develop, and finance energy efficiency, renewable energy, and
4 energy retrofitting projects for schools;

5 (B) establish a provincial collaborative coordination, education, and
6 outreach effort to streamline communication and promote available government
7 opportunities and assistance described in subparagraph (A), for energy efficiency,
8 renewable energy, and energy retrofitting projects that enables States, local
9 educational agencies, and schools –

10 (i) to use existing government opportunities more effectively; and

11 (ii) to form partnerships with governors, government energy
12 programs, local educational, financial, and energy officials, government
13 and local government officials, non-profit organizations, and other
14 appropriate entities, to support the initiation of the projects;

15 (C) provide technical assistance for public schools to help develop and
16 finance energy efficiency renewable energy, and energy retrofitting projects:

17 (i) to increase the energy efficiency of buildings or facilities;

18 (ii) to install systems that individually generate energy from
19 renewable energy resources;

20 (iii) to establish partnerships to leverage economies of scale and
21 additional financing mechanisms available to larger clean energy
22 initiatives; or

23 (iv) to promote -

24 (I) the maintenance of health, environmental quality, and
25 safety in schools, including the ambient air quality, through energy
26 efficiency, renewable energy, and energy retrofit projects; and

1 (II) the achievement of expected energy savings and
2 renewable energy production through proper operations and
3 maintenance practices;

4 (D) develop and maintain a single online resource website with contact
5 information for relevant technical assistance and support staff of the Office of the
6 Energy Secretary, public schools to effectively access; and

7 (E) establish a process for recognition of schools that:

8 (i) have successfully implemented energy efficiency, renewable
9 energy, and energy retrofitting projects; and

10 (ii) are willing to serve as resources for other local educational
11 agencies and schools to assist initiation of similar efforts.

12 SECTION 3. *Report.* – Not later than 180 days after the date of effectivity of this
13 Act, the Secretary of Energy shall submit to Congress a report describing the
14 implementation of this Act.

15 SECTION 4. *Authorization of Appropriations.* – There are authorized to be
16 appropriated to carry out this Act such sums as are necessary for each of fiscal years 2014
17 through 2018.

18 SECTION 5. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid
19 or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall
20 remain valid and subsisting.

21 SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,
22 executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to
23 or is inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended
24 accordingly.

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

Approved,

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