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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT THAT THERE IS A NEED TO GRANT PROVISIONAL ADMISSION FOR STUDENT TRANSFEREES FROM PRIVATE TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS, WHO HAVE NOT SECURED THEIR FORM 137 FROM THEIR PREVIOUS SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 14, Section 1 provides, "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, the ABS-CBN News reported on 2 June 2014 that some 20 million students from pre-school to secondary level returned to school with some complaining that they had problems transferring from private to public schools;

WHEREAS, the Department of Education (DepEd) Command Center reportedly said that they received complaints and inquiries on transfer requirements of students from private to public schools;

WHEREAS, DepEd Assistant Secretary Jesus Mateo alleged that parents who still have financial obligations with private schools are unable to get the required Form 137 or the document which confirms the grade level completed by the transferee;

WHEREAS, Mateo claimed that DepEd intercedes by asking the private school to at least provide the public school with a photocopy of the document so the student can already start his or her classes;

WHEREAS, Mateo also reportedly said that the original document and a copy of the student's grades still need to be submitted within the first semester;

WHEREAS, Mateo claimed that allowing the student to transfer does not mean that the parents can renege on their financial obligations with the private school; the DepEd simply wants to make sure the transferee's schooling is not hampered;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the earlier mentioned Constitutional mandate, the State must exert efforts to ensure that all citizens would have access to at least basic primary and intermediate education;

WHEREAS, the legislature must empower the less fortunate members of our society by enabling them to avail of the benefits of a public educational system, notwithstanding their inability to timely fulfill their financial obligations to proprietary or private educational institutions;

WHEREAS, there is a grave necessity to establish a system that would ensure continued and unhampered access to the public school educational system, without, however, ignoring the rights of private educational institution to the payment of their services;

WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE, to direct the proper Senate committee, to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation to grant provisional admission for student transferees from private schools to public schools, who have not secured their Form 137 from their previous schools.

Adopted,

acc *unanim Defensor Santiago*
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