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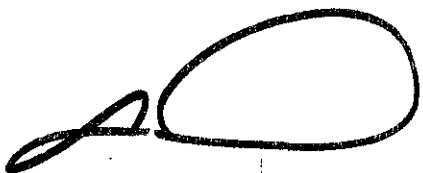
AN ACT  
REQUIRING SCHOOL SECURITY DRILLS IN ALL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution declares that the State shall give priority to education. Concomitant to this is ensuring that there is a safe and secure environment for learning. As such, the Fire Code of the Philippines requires fire drills for all types of occupancies including educational institutions. Furthermore, multi-hazard drills in the event of national disasters were held in public schools nationwide. Nevertheless, there are other factors that threaten the safety of students apart from fire and natural disasters.


Last 27 August 2014, the University of the Philippines Baguio received a bomb threat. This was followed by other bomb threats in two schools - Southville International School, Las Piñas and St. Scholastica's Academy, Marikina - last 2 September 2014. Apart from bomb threats, active shooters may also threaten the safety of students in schools. On 1 September 2014, a police officer entered Pangasinan National High School campus and fired at will, killing three people and wounding three more.

This bill aims to address the lack in legislation requiring school security drills in educational institutions to prepare school administrators, teachers, staff, and students in emergencies such as but not limited to bomb threats and active shooters. Thus, the immediate passage of this bill is therefore requested.

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

1       **SECTION 1. Title.** – This Act shall be known and cited as the “*School Security Drill*  
2 *Act of 2014*”

3       **SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is a policy of the State to give priority to  
4 education and towards this end provide a safe and secure environment conducive to  
5 learning.

6       **SECTION 3. Coverage.** – This Act shall cover all public and private educational  
7 institutions operating in the Philippines.

8       **SECTION 4. Definition of Terms.** – For purposes of this Act, these terms are defined  
9 as follows:

10       (a) *Schools* shall refer to (1) all public and private educational institutions  
11           providing one or more aspects of basic education specifically primary  
12           education, junior high school and/or; (2) all public and private educational  
13           institutions providing higher education.

14       (b) A *school security drill* shall refer to an exercise, other than a fire drill, to  
15           practice procedures that respond to an emergency situation; it may refer to a  
16           non-fire evacuation drill, a law enforcement drill, or a shelter-in-place drill.

17       (c) A *non-fire evacuation drill* shall refer to an exercise to practice procedures to  
18           respond to a danger from inside the school such as but not limited to bomb  
19           threats, hazardous materials, and suspicious items.

- 1 (d) A *law enforcement drill* shall refer to an exercise to practice procedures to  
2 respond to a danger where law enforcement involvement is necessary to  
3 protect school occupants from harm such as but not limited to an active  
4 shooter situation.
- 5 (e) A *shelter-in-place drill* shall refer to an exercise to practice procedures to  
6 respond to weather conditions that require refuge for students and staff  
7 within school buildings such as but not limited to flooding, lightning, and  
8 earthquakes.
- 9 (f) A *bomb threat* shall refer to a communication through the use of mail,  
10 telephone, cellular phone, electronic mail, or any other instrument  
11 maliciously conveying an intent to kill, injure, intimidate a person or a group  
12 of individuals, or damage or destroy any building, vehicle, or other real or  
13 personal property by means of an explosive.
- 14 (g) An *active shooter situation* shall refer to the presence of an active shooter or an  
15 armed assault on school grounds involving one or more individuals who are  
16 intent on causing physical harm to the students and/or staff of the school;  
17 such individuals may possess weapons such as but not limited to gun/s,  
18 explosive/s, knife/s or other harmful devices.

19 **SECTION 5. School Security Drill** - All schools shall undertake the following school  
20 security drills: at least one non-fire evacuation drill, at least one law enforcement drill, and at  
21 least one shelter-in-place drill. The mandatory school security drills shall be undertaken  
22 within two months from the start of the school year.

23 **SECTION 6. School Security Drill Guide and Training Materials.** - The Department  
24 of Education, Commission on Higher Education, Philippine National Police, and Bureau of  
25 Fire Protection shall develop and disseminate to each educational institution a School  
26 Security Guide and Training Material to educate school administrators on building  
27 requirements, proper response, and correct evacuation procedures in a variety of emergency  
28 situations. The School Security Guide and Training Material shall be updated at regular  
29 intervals in order to ensure that it incorporates the most current information available on  
30 school security.

31 **SECTION 7. School Security Emergency Response Plans, Protocols, and Procedures.**  
32 - Using the School Security Guide and Training Material, each school shall, together with a

1 representative of a parent-teacher association if any, a representative of the local police, and a  
2 representative of the local fire department shall produce a School Security Emergency  
3 Response Plan, Protocol, and Procedure. The School Security Emergency Response Plan,  
4 Protocol, and Procedure shall be tailor fit to the physical lay-out and structure of the school as  
5 well as the population of its students, faculty, and staff.

6       **SECTION 8. Training for School Teachers and Staff.** – All schools shall ensure that  
7 all full-time teachers and staff members are provided with an annual training on the School  
8 Security Drill Guide as well as the School Security Emergency Response Plan, Protocol, and  
9 Procedure.

10       **SECTION 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – The Department of Education,  
11 Commission on Higher Education, Philippine National Police, and Bureau of Fire Protection  
12 shall formulate rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.

13       **SECTION 10. Appropriations.** – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of  
14 this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its  
15 enactment into law and thereafter.

16       **SECTION 11. Separability Clause.** – Should any provisions of this Act be found  
17 unconstitutional by a court of law, such provisions shall be severed from the remainder of  
18 this Act, and such action shall not affect the enforceability of the remaining provisions of this  
19 Act.

20       **SECTION 12. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders and  
21 rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or  
22 modified accordingly.

23       **SECTION 13. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
24 publication in any two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*