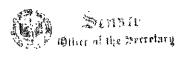
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines is said to be vulnerable to a variety of natural hazards, such as typhoons, periodic droughts, earthquakes, and floods. In addition to natural hazards, an ongoing conflict in the southern Philippines has displaced hundreds of thousands of people over the last three decades.¹

According to Citizen's Disaster Response Center (CDRC), the Philippines is reportedly ranked second to China in the top ten list of countries most affected by natural disasters in 2009.²

Thus, there is an immediate need for comprehensive and coordinated emergency preparedness planning support for public schools nationwide.

Historically, public schools have:

- had limited roles in the emergency preparedness planning process administered by other government agencies;
- 2. not received priority consideration in that process; and
- 3. had minimal access to funds allocated to emergency preparedness.

http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance/publications/prep_mit/mods/program_updates/philippines_preparedness.pdf.

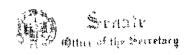
² http://www.allvoices.com/contributed-news/6333080-the-philippine-needs-a-better-disaster-preparedness-program.

The grants made under this bill will enable public schools to take an active role in emergency planning and give them access to the broad range of skills and expertise of the many other government agencies involved in emergency planning and preparedness.³

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³ This bill was originally filed in the U.S. House of Representatives by Representatives Richardson, Bass, Wilson, Baca, Sablan, Jackson Lee, Norton, and Filner, during the 112th Congress, 1st Session.

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7	SECTION 1. Short Title This Act shall be known as the "Elementary and
8	Secondary School Emergency Preparedness Planning Act."
9	SECTION 2. Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Preparedness
10	Planning Grant Program. –
11	(A) Establishment The Secretary of National Defense (here called the
12	"Secretary") shall establish a competitive program to make grants for emergency
13	preparedness planning and implementation to local educational agencies and districts
14	located in areas under a high threat of terrorist attacks, natural disasters, or public health
15	emergencies.
16	(B) Eligibility The Secretary may only award a grant under this section to a
17	public school that:
18	(1) is located near a place that is under a high threat of:
19	(a) terrorist attacks, as determined by the Secretary;

2	as chairperson of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and
3	Management Council; or
4	(c) public health emergencies, as determined by the Secretary, in
5	consultation with the Secretary of Health; and
6	(2) submits an application at such time, in such form, and with such
7	information and assurances as the Secretary may require, including
8	assurances that a public school will use such grant amounts to carry out
9	the activities in subsection (e); and a budget and timeline for carrying
10	out such activities.
11	(C) Priority. —
12	(1) Initial Priority In awarding grants under this section, the Secretary
13	shall give priority to public schools located in areas with higher
14	population densities and that are under a higher threat of terrorist
15	attacks, natural disasters, or public health emergencies than other local
16	educational agencies and districts eligible under subsection (b).
17	(2) Further Priority Among the priority local educational agencies and
18	districts described in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall give further
19	priority to public schools that have in the past demonstrated the ability
20	to formulate and implement effective emergency preparedness plans.
21	(D) Grant Amount Amounts awarded under this Act shall not exceed
22	₽500,000.00 per public school per fiscal year.

(b) natural disasters, as determined by the Secretary, in his capacity

1	SECTION 3. Use of Funds.—
2	(A) Required Use of Funds. –
3	(1) In General A public school receiving a grant under this Act shall use
4	such funds to implement or to formulate and implement an emergency
5	preparedness plan.
6	(2) Elements of Plan The plan required shall provide for:
7	(a) the creation in the office of the superintendent or other chief
8	executive officer of the public school of a School Emergency
9	Response Center to provide coordination, communication, and
10	support for school-based emergency preparedness planning and
11	implementation;
12	(b) the creation of a Regional Advisory Council chaired by the
13	superintendent or other chief executive officer of the public
14	school and composed of other appropriate representatives from
15	the public school and from emergency management and law
16	enforcement agencies, local public health offices,
1.7	nongovernmental organizations, and other appropriate
18	stakeholders; and
19	(c) the development of a plan specific to each school under the
20	public school's authority for each type of emergency likely to
21	occur in the area.
22	(B) Permitted Use of Funds A public school receiving a grant under this Act
23	may use any such funds remaining after complying with the requirements
24	paragraph (A)(1) for any purpose relating to emergency preparedness planning
25	or implementation.

- SECTION 4. Authorization of Appropriations. To carry out the provisions of this
- 2 Act, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each
- 3 fiscal year
- 4 SECTION 5. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Act shall be declared
- 5 unconstitutional, any other provision not affected thereby shall remain in full force and
- 6 effect.
- 5 SECTION 6. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations,
- 8 or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.
- 9 SECTION 7. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
- publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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