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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 TEACHERS ARE OPPOSING SATURDAY
MAKE-UP CLASSES

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 5 provides: "The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development";

WHEREAS, the *Manila Bulletin* on 29 January 2015 reported that public school teachers were furious over the forced implementation of make-up classes on Saturdays for school days lost due to recent typhoons and local holidays;

WHEREAS, the Teachers' Dignity Coalition (TDC), a 30,000-strong group, allegedly criticized the forced implementation of Saturday make-up classes, charging that it is unfair for teachers;

WHEREAS, Education Secretary Armin Luistro reportedly admitted that there is an existing policy for make-up classes, but added that the schedules are determined by division offices, not by DepEd at the national level;

WHEREAS, in addition to classes disrupted by typhoons and local holidays, school days are also lost due to trainings, seminars, and other activities participated in by teaching faculty;

WHEREAS, it is the duty of government to ensure that students are provided a conducive environment for academic improvement, including a schedule with minimum interruptions;

WHEREAS, Congress should intensify existing laws governing education administration by identifying measures that will mitigate the impact of class disruptions on students;

WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that teachers oppose Saturday make-up classes.

Adopted,

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