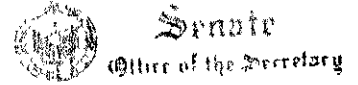


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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

1 RESOLUTION
2 DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE
3 TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
4 ON THE REPORTED SHORTAGE OF 67,849 CLASSROOMS NATIONWIDE
5 AT THE START OF SCHOOL YEAR 2015-2016

6 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 17 provides: "The State shall give
7 priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and
8 nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development";

9 WHEREAS, the *Philippine Star* on 29 May 2015 reported that there is a shortage of
10 67,849 classrooms in the opening of the new school year on June 1;

11 WHEREAS, quoting ACT Teachers party-list Representative Antonio Tinio, the news
12 said that the Department of Education (DepEd) has finished building only 7,062 classrooms as of
13 April 2015, way below its target of 43,183 classrooms under the 2014 budget of ₱37.67 billion;

14 WHEREAS, this reportedly raised the total classroom gap to 67,849, including the
15 31,728 classrooms targeted under the 2015 budget;

16 WHEREAS, the widening classroom gap in the country is set to complicate the
17 implementation of the government's K to 12 program, wherein the additional year in basic
18 education will result in a bigger student population in need of classrooms;

19 WHEREAS, Congress must consult with the Department of Education, the Department
20 of Public Works and Highways, the Public-Private Partnership Center, and relevant agencies to
21 determine the need for legislation that will help address the immediate need for classrooms;

22 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
23 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the reported shortage
24 of 67,849 classrooms nationwide at the start of the school year 2015-2016.

Adopted,

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