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AN ACT
REQUIRING EVERY SCHOOL TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE PERSON CERTIFIED
IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AND FIRST AID
WHILE STUDENTS ARE IN ATTENDANCE

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The purpose of this bill is to insure that added protections are afforded students, while they attend school, from the hazards of choking and other preventable medical emergencies.

This law will not supersede any other provision in health or education law relative to health education or school nurses. Section 3 of this bill specifically states that the requirements under this Act shall not be deemed as fulfillment of any other law, rule or regulation concerning health education or school nurses.

The net effect would be that our children shall be doubly protected by the presence of someone knowledgeable in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation plus a certified health practitioner such as a school nurse.¹

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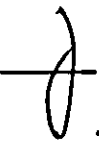
¹ This bill was originally filed during the Fourteenth Congress, Second Regular Session.

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

1 SECTION 1. *Medically Qualified Personnel Required in All Schools.* – Each
2 school shall have, at all times during which students are present, at least one person
3 certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid. Any employee of a school may be
4 designated as medically qualified personnel.

5 SECTION 2. *Definition of Medically Qualified Personnel.* – For the purposes of
6 this Act, a person is considered certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid
7 upon the completion and yearly renewal of a course which meets the requirements
8 established by the Secretary of Health or his representative.

9 SECTION 3. *Effect of Fulfillment.* – Fulfillment of the requirements of this section
10 shall not be deemed to meet the requirements of any other provision of law, rule or
11 regulation concerning health education or school nurses.

12 SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or
13 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other
14 provisions hereof.

1 SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances, or
2 portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby
3 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

4 SECTION 6. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
5 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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