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SENATE BILL NO. 1381

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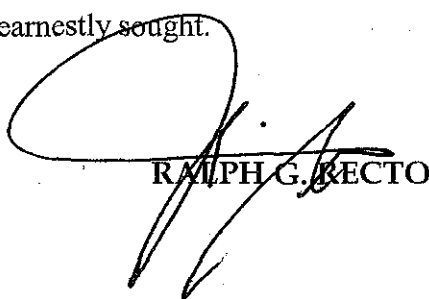
This bill seeks to prohibit the practice of selling tickets and collecting contributions or solicitation in any form by any person or persons, whether voluntary or otherwise, from teachers and students in public elementary and secondary schools at any time of the school year to obviate illegal and improper fund drives.

The enactment of this measure will bring to an end the nefarious practices of selling tickets and collecting contributions from students, individuals, associations or entities under the guise of fund-raising projects intended to benefit the schools.

This legislation likewise penalizes any person who violates the provisions of this Act by a fine of not less than Three thousand pesos (P 3,000.00) nor more than Six thousand pesos (P6,000.000) or imprisonment of not less than three (3) months nor more than six (6) months, or both and, if the offender is a public official, an additional penalty of suspension for three (3) months shall be imposed.

Impoverished families are forced to sell and buy tickets lest their children suffer the consequence of being unable to contribute to the improvement of the school. Clearly, this state of affairs cannot simply be glossed over by the state.

Hence, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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Introduced by Senator Ralph G. Recto

AN ACT
TO PROHIBIT THE SALES OF TICKETS, COLLECTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM TEACHERS AND STUDENTS, SOLICITATION IN ANY FORM, AND/OR ANY SIMILAR FUND-RAISING ACTIVITY, IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 SECTION 1. The sale of tickets and collection of contributions and/or solicitation in any
2 form by any person or persons, whether voluntary or otherwise, from teachers and
3 students in public elementary and secondary schools at any time of the school year are
4 prohibited: *Provided*, That this prohibition shall not cover voluntary fees in the Red
5 Cross, Girl Scouts of the Philippines and Boy Scouts of the Philippines, membership fees
6 and annual dues of members of Parents-Teachers Association (PTA), as well as voluntary
7 contributions for projects of the PTA for the benefits of the school and projects of the
8 student organizations: *Provided, further* , That the officers of the Parents-Teachers
9 Association, other than teachers, will undertake the collection of membership fees, annual
10 dues and voluntary contributions for the funding of special projects for the improvement
11 of the school from parents.

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13 SEC. 2. The practice of asking or requiring teachers, school officials and students
14 to go around and solicit donations of any form other than those mentioned in Section 1
15 hereof is likewise prohibited.

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17 SEC. 3. Any person who violates the provisions of this Act shall be punished by
18 a fine of not less than Three thousand pesos (P 3,000.00) nor more than Six thousand
19 pesos (P6, 000.000) or imprisonment of not less than three (3) months nor more than six

1 (6) months, or both. If the offender is a public official, an additional penalty of
2 suspension for three (3) months shall be imposed.

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4 SEC. 4. Any ordinary taxpayer may file a case against any person who violates
5 Section 1 of this Act.

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7 SEC. 5. The Secretary of the Department of Education shall issue the necessary
8 guidelines to implement the provisions of this Act.

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10 SEC. 6. All laws, decrees, executive orders, and other issuances inconsistent with
11 this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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13 SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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15 Approved,