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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE ALLEGED PROLIFERATION OF SCHOOLS OFFERING COURSE(S)/PROGRAM(S) WITHOUT PROPER PERMIT FROM THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED), TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS AUTHORITY (TESDA) AND OTHER GOVERNING BODIES

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 14, Section 1 mandates the State to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and to take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all;

WHEREAS, Article 14, Section 4 (1) of the Constitution also provides that the State recognizes the complementary roles of public and private institutions in the educational system and shall exercise reasonable supervision and regulation of all educational institutions;

WHEREAS, to ensure that educational institutions and course(s)/program(s) meet generally accepted standards of quality or excellence, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) pursuant to Republic Act 7722 and the Technical Education and Skills Authority (TESDA) under Republic Act 7796, made it imperative for educational institutions to seek proper permit prior to operating/offering course(s)/program(s);

WHEREAS, reports alleged that there is a growing number of educational institutions offering programs without government permit; fake or unregistered schools giving certificates or diplomas on caregiver courses; nursing schools operating without favorable recommendation from the Board of Nursing; and maritime schools accepting students and issuing graduation certificates without proper accreditation from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED);

WHEREAS, reports alleged further that graduates of those schools hardly land jobs and their diplomas and certificates were invalidated;

WHEREAS, the continuous existence of these unscrupulous educational institutions, if proven true, is a clear display of insolence to our constitutional right to quality education.

WHEREFORE, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, to direct the Senate Committee on Education, Arts and Culture to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation on the alleged proliferation of schools offering course(s)/program(s) without proper permit from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Technical Education and Skills Authority (TESDA) and other governing bodies.

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