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THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Studies show that quality infrastructure facilitates better instruction and leads to the improvement of student outcomes. Buildings, classrooms, laboratories and equipment-education infrastructure are some of the crucial elements to achieve quality education.¹

However, State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) in a great number of areas grieve for educational infrastructure and facilities. Classrooms are overcrowded and hallways are being used as classrooms. Science and computer laboratories cannot be built and established. These conditions are not optimal for learning and likewise for teaching. Poor educational infrastructure impedes the intellectual growth and health of the youth.

This proposed measure thus aims to establish a five (5) year priority infrastructure plan for SUCs to be identified by the Commission on Higher

¹https://www.researchgate.net/publication/308760536_Investigating_the_relationship_between_school_facilities_and_academic_achievements_through_geographically_weighted_regression

Education, taking into consideration the needs of each SUC, and to provide a fixed annual budget to achieve the plan.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of the bill and approval of the same is earnestly sought.



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

Section 1. *Short Title.* — This Act shall be known as the "*Priority Infrastructure
for Public Higher Education Institutions Act.*"

Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* — It is declared the policy of the State to protect
and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels. Thus, the State
shall take appropriate steps to contribute a conducive physical learning environment
for the attainment and improvement of intellectual growth of the youth.

Sec. 3. *Priority Educational Infrastructure.* — The Commission on Higher
Education (CHED) shall identify priority educational infrastructure for state universities
and colleges (SUCs) and shall establish a priority five-year plan taking into
consideration the needs of each SUCs.

Sec. 4. *Inter-Agency Committee.* — There is hereby established an Inter-
Agency Committee for the monitoring of the implementation of this Act. The
Committee shall be composed of the Chairperson of the CHED, Secretary of the
Department of Budget and Management, Secretary of the Department of Public
Works and Highways, and Director General of the National Economic and
Development Authority (NEDA), or their respective authorized representatives.

Sec. 5. *Appropriation.* — The amount of ten billion pesos (10,000,000,000)
shall automatically be included in the annual appropriation of CHED for the next
five years for the implementation of this Act.

1 Sec. 6. *Effectivity*- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
2 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,