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**Introduced by Senator Aquilino Q. Pimentel, Jr.**

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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE OF THE SENATE TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE QUALITY OF TEXTBOOKS USED IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

Whereas, Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution provides that "the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.";

Whereas, for this reason, the government allocates the highest budgetary priority to education;

Whereas, despite the constitutional mandate to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education, many textbooks used in the public and private schools are, out of negligence or ignorance of the authors thereof, provide wrong or inadequate information;

Whereas, the Department of Education is tasked to review and approve the textbooks used in public and private schools in the country, and should therefore not have approved or allowed the use of these substandard textbooks;

Whereas, this aberration should be corrected by immediate recall of all such substandard textbooks from schools and the reimbursement by publishers or printers concerned of the amounts they have received from the government for such substandard books, as mandated by Republic Act 9184, otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Law;

Whereas, there is an urgent need to undertake remedial measures to arrest the decline of the quality education in the country which is due to a greater degree to the approval and use of substandard textbooks in Philippine schools.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture of the Senate to investigate, in aid of legislation, the quality of textbooks used in public and private schools.

Adopted,

  
**AQUILINO Q. PIMENTEL, JR.**