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REQUIRING THE TEACHING OF DISASTER AWARENESS AND DISASTER
MITIGATION AS PART OF THE CURRICULUM OF ALL PRIMARY AND
SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines is perhaps one of the most disaster-prone countries in the world. Its archipelago is prone to earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, typhoons, tsunami, floods and droughts because of its geologic and geographical conditions. Moreover, the country lies between two major tectonic plates of the world which makes it a highly seismic area.

Every year, an average of about twenty typhoons enter the Philippines with their strong winds, storm surges and floods frequently damaging many properties and lives of many of its citizens. As a consequence, moreover, flooding due to typhoons cause chronic problems in Metro Manila given its inadequate drainage system.

In response to the need to minimize loss of life, property damage and socioeconomic impact caused by natural disasters, this proposed measure aims to integrate in the curricula of all primary and secondary schools of educational system of the country a subject on disaster awareness and disaster mitigation.

Such curricula shall include, among others, course on natural and man-made disasters in order to instil disaster awareness and promote active participation of the youth, students and society as a whole in disaster preparedness for the benefit of the nation.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

1 Section 1. Teaching of disaster awareness and disaster mitigation is hereby
2 required to be part of the curriculum of all primary and secondary schools in the
3 Philippines.

4 Sec. 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Department of Education
5 (DepEd) shall adopt the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provision
6 of this Act.

7 Sec. 3. *Appropriations.* – The funds needed for this purpose shall be taken
8 from the appropriations of the Department of Education. Thereafter, such amount
9 necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General
10 Appropriations Act.

11 Sec. 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All other laws, acts, presidential decrees,
12 executive orders, presidential proclamations, issuances, rules and regulations, or
13 parts thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this
14 Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

15 Sec. 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
16 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,