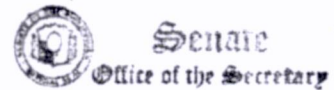


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Introduced by Senator SONNY ANGARA

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RISING INCIDENCE OF CHILD AND TEENAGE PREGNANCIES, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF STRENGTHENING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10354, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ACT OF 2012"

1 WHEREAS, in the 2017 Philippine National Demographic and Health Survey
2 conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority, it was found that 9% of teenage
3 women age 15-19 have begun childbearing, with Davao, Northern Mindanao and
4 SOCCSKSARGEN registering the highest incidence;

5 WHEREAS, data from the Commission on Population and Development
6 (POPCOM) show that an average of 530 teenagers get pregnant daily, with a record
7 high of 574 teen pregnancies per day in 2017;

8 WHEREAS, for the 10 to 14 age group, POPCOM discovered an alarming 50
9 percent increase of pregnancies since 2011, wherein 30 to 50 pregnancies recorded
10 are among 10-year olds;

11 WHEREAS, the 2019 World Population Review found that the Philippines is
12 among the top countries, worldwide and in the ASEAN region, to have the lowest
13 minimum age of sexual consent at 12 years-old.

14 WHEREAS, the Department of Education (DepEd) has reported that the spike
15 in the dropout rate of female out-of-school youths can be traced to underaged
16 pregnancy

17 WHEREAS, Sec. 14 of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10354, otherwise known as The
18 Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act of 2012" mandates the provision

1 of age- and development-appropriate reproductive health education, including
2 teenage pregnancy;

3 WHEREAS, R.A. No. 10354 mandates the DepEd to formulate a curriculum for
4 each educational level or group, subject to consultations with parents-teachers-
5 community associations, school officials and other interest groups, to be used by
6 public schools and which may be adopted by private schools;

7 WHEREAS, the Department of Health, in its 4th Annual RPRH Report identifies
8 unmet need for family planning as one of the major roadblocks in stemming teenage
9 pregnancy and found that only 35.8% of adolescents 15-19 have access to any family
10 planning method, with only 29.7% having access to any modern method of family
11 planning.

12 WHEREAS, with the Philippines having one of the lowest minimum age of sexual
13 consent and the high prevalence of unmet need for family planning, it is thus
14 necessary to review our policies in order to prevent child and teenage pregnancies.

15 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, To direct the appropriate
16 Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the rising incidence
17 of child and teen pregnancy with the end in view of strengthening R.A. No. 10354
18 otherwise known as "The Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act of
19 2012".

Adopted,



SONNY ANGARA