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INTRODUCED BY THE HONORABLE MAR ROXAS

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE INCREASE IN TUITION FEES BY PRIVATE SCHOOLS AT THE MIDDLE OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the State to 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, the Education Act of 1982 establishes the policy of the State to maintain a complete, adequate and integrated system of education relevant to the goals of national development;

WHEREAS, education accounted for forty-four percent (44%) of total family expenditures for year 2000. Out of the seventy six billion peses (P76,000,000,000) spent on education, seventy percent (70%) was spent on education fees such as matriculation and tuition fees;

WHEREAS, each private school shall determine its rate of tuition and other school fees or charges, which shall be collectible, and their application or use authorized, subject to the rules and regulations of the Department of Education;

WHEREAS, Section 43 of the Education Act of 1982 states that private schools are authorized to engage in any auxiliary enterprise to generate income primarily to finance their educational operations and/or to reduce the need to increase students' fees;

WHEREAS, in response to the request of private schools to address increasing operating and maintenance costs, then Department of Education, Culture and Sports promulgated DECS Order No. 16, series of 1992, DECS Order No. 20, series of 1994 and DECS Order No. 12, series of 1997 allowing private schools to increase tuition fee rates, subject to consultations with the duly organized parents and teachers associations and faculty associations;

WHEREAS, DECS Order No. 12, series of 1997 mandates that consultations by private schools must be completed not later than 30 March of every school year, and should arbitration be sought, differences should be resolved before the deadline for filing of the


certification by 15 May. Furthermore, unresolved cases should have been resolved by 30 May of school year concerned;

WHEREAS, students and parents have borne out the increases in tuition fees since the tuition fee deregulation in 1992. While parents expect the fees paid during enrolment to be the totality of fees due during the current school year, some private schools increase tuition fees at the middle of the school year leaving parents with no choice but to concede;

WHEREAS, while tuition fee increases by private school owners ultimately benefit students with improved services and quality of education, schools should practice transparency by avoiding tuition fee increases at the middle of the school year.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate direct the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture to Conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, on the increase in tuition fees by private schools at the middle of the school year.

Adopted,


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Senator