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INTRODUCED BY HONORABLE MAR ROXAS

**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ARTS,
AND CULTURE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY ON
THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION AND EFFECTIVENESS OF
THE FAIR AND EQUITABLE ACCESS TO EDUCATION ACT (R.A. No. 7880)**

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 17 of the Constitution provides that the State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development;

WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 1 of the Constitution likewise 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, on 20 February 1995 the Fair and Equitable Access to Education Act (R.A. No. 7880) was enacted with the purpose of providing all legislative districts with a minimum and continuing level of educational development by establishing an objective mechanism that would make equitable the allocation of the Department of Education (DEPED) budget for capital outlay.

WHEREAS, based on late 2004 studies of DEPED, the number of shortages is estimated to be at 51,000 units for classrooms, 24,000 for teachers, and, 4.5 million pieces of school furniture;

WHEREAS, it has been observed that the quality of education is still on the decline due to limited investments (DEPED share of the national budget is 16.13%) and mismanagement of the education establishment due to bureaucratic emphasis on inputs and not on outcomes;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate direct the Committee on Education, Arts, and Culture, and other appropriate committee/s, to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation, on the implementation and effectiveness of "The Fair and Equitable Access to Education Act" (R.A. No. 7880).

Adopted,


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