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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to inculcate entrepreneurship in young minds in order to expose them early on to the concept and principles of entrepreneurship. Being familiar at an early age, they will be able to immediately develop, harness, and even practice the skills needed to be successful business people.

Entrepreneurship is a key driver of our economy. Wealth and a high majority of jobs are created by small businesses started by business-minded individuals, who may go on to create big businesses. Many experienced business people, political leaders, economists, and educators believe that fostering a robust entrepreneurial culture will maximize individual and collective economic and social success.

The inclusion of entrepreneurship in the curricula will possibly allow for benefits to be reaped by future generations, and which will allow our economy to flourish and emerge.

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

- SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* It is the policy of the State to provide a complete, adequate and integrated system of education to private and public-school students. It is likewise the policy to make such a system of education relevant and attuned to the current needs of society and the Filipino people.
 - SEC. 2. Entrepreneurship Subject in the High School Level. There shall be a separate subject on entrepreneurship in the junior and senior year curricula of both public and private secondary schools nationwide.
 - SEC. 3. Development of Subject Content. The Secretary of the Department of Education (DepEd) shall appoint a Head Subject Specialist (HSS) who shall be the lead person in coordinating all activities necessary for the development and implementation of the subject in the secondary level.
 - The HSS shall conduct a multi-sectoral consultation with educators from public and private high schools, members of the national chambers of commerce and industry, leading entrepreneurs and the public at large for the purpose of

- determining the appropriate content and scope of the entrepreneurship subject:
- 2 Provided, That such subject shall include the following entrepreneurial subject
- 3 matters: (1) management, (2) fund sourcing, (3) program accreditation,
- 4 requirements, and (4) contemporary entrepreneurial practices: Provided, further,
- 5 That such subject shall have values and skills-formation aspects of the making of
- 6 individual entrepreneurship; and that such subject shall be attuned to the current
- 7 policy of industrialization and global competitiveness.
- SEC. 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* Within ninety (90) days from the promulgation of this Act, The Secretary of the DepEd shall formulate the rules
- and regulations necessary for its effective implementation.
- SEC 5. *Appropriations*. The amount needed for the initial implementation of this Act shall be taken from the current year's appropriations of the DepEd.
- 13 Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued implementation
- shall. Be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
- SEC 6. Separability Clause. If any portion or provision of this Act is
- declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected
- thereby shall remain in force and effect.
- SEC 7. Repealing Clause. Any law, presidential decree or issuance,
- 19 executive order, letter of instruction, rule or regulation inconsistent with the
- 20 provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
- SEC 8. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following
- 22 its complete publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,