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**AN ACT**  
**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

Due to its geographical location, the Philippines is among the countries that are most vulnerable to natural calamities such earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tropical cyclones, and floods. For instance, according to the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), approximately twenty tropical cyclones (TCs) enter the Philippines each year, bringing with them severe winds, storm surges, and flooding that frequently destroy many homes and take the lives of many Filipinos.

Just for the first half of 2022, the Philippines has already experienced its 4th tropical storm, with PAGASA cautioning that the country should expect 11 to 15 more tropical cyclones to enter or develop inside the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR) within the year. The agency also noted that nearly 70% of typhoons develop from July through October.

Since the Filipino youth are one of the sectors most at risk from poor disaster response, it is important to inculcate - at an early age - the importance of disaster awareness and mitigation. Hence, the bill seeks to include this to the curricula of all primary and secondary schools in the Philippines in order to provide the youth with the much needed information to prepare for disasters that are likely to affect the

country in the coming years. It is also hoped that, through this measure, active participation among the youth will be instilled which - in turn - would benefit society as a whole in response to the challenges of climate change.

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. *Disaster Awareness and Mitigation.* – Teaching of disaster  
2 awareness and disaster mitigation is hereby required to be part of the curriculum of  
3 all primary and secondary schools in the 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,*