



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7584

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AN ACT

ALLOWING ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY LEARNERS WITH UNPAID TUITION AND OTHER SCHOOL FEES TO TAKE THE PERIODIC AND FINAL EXAMINATIONS ON GOOD CAUSE AND JUSTIFIABLE GROUNDS

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

1 **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the "No Permit, No Exam Prohibition Act".
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3 **SEC. 2.** It is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right of all citizens to
4 quality education and to take appropriate steps to make education accessible to all.
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6 To this end, the State shall establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and
7 integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society. It shall also take
8 into account the welfare of both the learners and the schools by exercising just and reasonable
9 supervision of the latter and ensuring that educational opportunities are made available to learners
10 regardless of their economic status.
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12 **SEC. 3.** This Act shall cover all private basic education institutions.
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14 **SEC. 4.** Parents or guardians of elementary and secondary learners enrolled in private basic
15 education institutions shall have the responsibility of guiding the learners to meet the academic
16 standards and fulfilling the institutional requirements of the private basic education institutions,
17 including the prompt payment of financial obligations as defined and determined by the private
18 basic education institutions at the time of enrolment, subject to penalties and sanctions for non-
19 compliance.
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21 Considering that basic education is imbued with public interest, all private basic
22 education institutions shall adopt appropriate policies to accommodate and allow learners, who
23 due to emergencies, force majeure, and good cause or other justifiable reasons, have unsettled
24 financial obligations, to take the scheduled periodic examinations: *Provided*, That the parents
25 or guardians of learners shall execute a promissory note for the schedule of settlement of the
26 outstanding financial obligation prior to the taking of examination: *Provided, further*, That any

1 deferment of payment of unpaid balance shall not go beyond the school year, except when
2 allowed by the private basic education institutions.

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4 **SEC. 5.** School authorities shall have the right to withhold the issuance of appropriate
5 clearance and transfer credentials of elementary and secondary learners with unpaid financial
6 obligations and refuse their enrollment in the next enrollment period until all previous
7 delinquencies are fully paid.

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9 **SEC. 6.** Private basic education institutions found guilty of violating any provision
10 of this Act shall be subject to administrative sanctions by the Department of Education
11 (DepEd) pursuant to its powers under Batas Pambansa Blg. 232, otherwise known as the
12 "Education Act of 1982" and Republic Act No. 9155, otherwise known as the "Governance of
13 Basic Education Act of 2001".

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15 Parents, guardians, or learners found guilty of committing any act of fraud, falsehood
16 or misrepresentation in availing themselves of the benefits of this Act shall be subject to
17 appropriate administrative and disciplinary sanctions of the private basic education institutions.

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19 **SEC. 7.** Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DepEd shall, in
20 consultation with relevant stakeholders in basic education, promulgate the implementing rules
21 and regulations to ensure the efficient and effective implementation of this Act.

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23 **SEC. 8.** All laws, decrees, executive orders, ordinances, rules and regulations or other
24 parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent with the provision of this Act are repealed, amended or
25 modified accordingly.

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27 **SEC. 9.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
28 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,