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# COMMITTEE REPORT NO. <u>160</u>

Submitted by the Committee on Basic Education on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Re: Senate Bill No. 2457

Recommending its approval without amendment, taking into consideration House Bill No. 6717, Proposed Senate Resolution No. 5, and the Privilege Speech of Sen. Win Gatchalian entitled "Observations on the Implementation of the Mother Tongue-Based Multilingual Education Program – Theory vs. Implementation" delivered on May 31, 2023.

Sponsor: Senator Win Gatchalian

## **MR. PRESIDENT:**

The Committee on Basic Education, to which was referred **Senate Bill No. 2457**, introduced by Senator Win Gatchalian, entitled:

## **"AN ACT**

REDEFINING THE APPLICATION OF THE MOTHER TONGUE AS MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION FROM KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 3, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 4 AND 5 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10533, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'ENHANCED BASIC EDUCATION ACT OF 2013'' taking into consideration **House Bill No. 6717**, introduced by Representatives Romulo, Go (M.), Tambunting, Vergara and Dalipe, entitled:

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#### "AN ACT

SUSPENDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE USE OF MOTHER TONGUE AS THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION FOR KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 3 PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 4 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10533, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'ENHANCED BASIC EDUCATION ACT OF 2013''

**Proposed Senate Resolution No. 5**, introduced by Sen. Win Gatchalian, entitled:

#### **"RESOLUTION**

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE K TO 12 LAW FOR THE PURPOSE OF CRAFTING POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS AND INITIATING COMPLEMENTARY AND AMENDATORY LEGISLATION TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE LAW AND ENSURE ITS EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT INTEGRATION INTO THE PHILIPPINE BASIC EDUCATION SYSTEM TO PROVIDE QUALITY EDUCATION AND ACHIEVE GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS"

and the **Privilege Speech of Sen. Win Gatchalian** delivered before the Chamber on May 31, 2023, entitled:

"OBSERVATIONS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MOTHER TONGUE-BASED MULTILINGUAL EDUCATION PROGRAM – THEORY VS. IMPLEMENTATION" has considered the same and has the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be approved without amendment, taking into consideration House Bill No. 6717, Proposed Senate Resolution No. 5, and the Privilege Speech of Sen. Win Gatchalian entitled "Observations on the Implementation of the Mother Tongue-Based Multilingual Education Program – Theory vs. Implementation" delivered on May 31, 2023.

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Chairperson **UN BATCHA**LIAN Committee bn Basic Education

Vice-Chairperson

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Respectfully submitted:

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Majority Leader

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President Pro Tempore

"may interpellate/amend"

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S.B. No. 2457

#### **Introduced by SENATOR WIN GATCHALIAN**

#### AN ACT

# REDEFINING THE APPLICATION OF THE MOTHER TONGUE AS MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION FROM KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 3, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 4 AND 5 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10533, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "ENHANCED BASIC EDUCATION ACT OF 2013"

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

Section 1. Redefining the Application of the Mother Tongue as Medium of 1 Instruction. – The application of the Mother Tongue as medium of instruction 2 from kindergarten to the first three (3) years of elementary education under 3 Section 4 of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10533, otherwise known as "An Act 4 Enhancing the Philippine Basic Education System by Strengthening its 5 Curriculum and Increasing the Number of Years for Basic Education, 6 Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes", is hereby redefined. 7 It shall be used as medium of instruction in monolingual classes from 8 kindergarten to grade three. 9

Except for these monolingual classes, the delivery of basic education shall continue to use the official languages of the Philippines under Article XIV, Section VII of the 1987 Constitution which are Filipino and, until otherwise provided by law, English. The regional languages shall serve as
 auxiliary media of instruction.

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4 Sec. 2. The Mother Tongue-Based Multilingual Education (MTB-MLE) in 5 Monolingual Classes; Monolingual Classes and Language Mapping. - The 6 principles and framework of MTB-MLE as embodied under Sec. 5 (f) of R.A. 7 No. 10533 shall continue to be adhered to in monolingual classes. For 8 purposes of this Act, a monolingual class shall refer to a group of learners 9 who speak the same mother tongue and are enrolled in the same grade level 10 in a given school year. The Department of Education (DepEd) shall develop a language mapping policy and implement a language mapping framework to 11 properly identify and classify learners based on their mother tongue in order 12 13 to systematically determine the existence of monolingual classes per school 14 year.

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16 Sec. 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). – Within ninety (90) 17 days from the effectivity of this Act, the DepEd, the Komisyon sa Wikang 18 Filipino, and other education stakeholders shall issue the rules and 19 regulations implementing its provisions. The IRR issued pursuant to this 20 section shall take effect thirty (30) days after its publication in a newspaper 21 of general circulation.

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Sec. 4. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act is held invalid
or unconstitutional, the other provisions not so declared shall remain in force
and effect.

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27 Sec. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders, presidential 28 decrees, administrative orders, rules and regulations, issuances, or parts 29 thereof contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby 30 repealed or amended accordingly.

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Sec. 6. *Effectivity*. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,