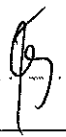


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article XIV, Section 1, provides that the state shall protect and promote the right of all the citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.

In order to prepare our nation's youth for the challenges of the future, as well as to keep our nation competitive in a global economy, every elementary, secondary, and tertiary school in the Philippines should be equipped with the best and most up-to-date library resources, certified library media specialists, access to advanced technology, and instruction on the use of library and information resources.

To comply with the constitutional mandate and to meet the challenges in education, this bill proposes to: (1) establish, within each of the Bureaus of Elementary Education, Secondary Education and Higher Education, a Division of School Library Media Services, that will provide *information and leadership to school library media programs and personnel nationwide*; (2) provide continued funding for public elementary, secondary, and tertiary school library media program improvement, equity, innovation, and technological advancement; (3) establish a *partnership program* for elementary, secondary, and tertiary school teachers and school library media specialists, who will jointly design resource and curriculum-based instructional activities that provide opportunities for students to access a broad diversity of resources and information, and other languages and cultures, including materials that will encourage understanding; and (4) establish a *partnership program* for encouraging uses of technology and the sharing of

information and access to resources by elementary and secondary school students, school library media specialist, and teachers.*


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1 AN ACT
2 TO PROVIDE FOR ELEMENTARY, SECONDARY, AND TERTIARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
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4 IMPROVEMENT

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

7 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Elementary, Secondary, and
8 Tertiary School Library Media Services Act.”

9 SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is a policy of the State to protect and promote
10 the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make
11 such education accessible to all.

12 SECTION 3. *Definition of Terms.* – As used in this Act, the term:

13 (A) “Director” means the Director of the Division of Elementary, Secondary, and
14 Tertiary School Library Media Services established under this Act;

15 (B) “Local Educational Agency” refers to a public board of education or other public
16 authority legally constituted within a state for either administrative control or
17 direction of, or to perform a service function for public elementary, secondary or
18 tertiary school in a province, city or municipality;

19 (C) “National Educational Agency” refers to the officer or agency primarily responsible
20 for the national supervision of public elementary, secondary, and tertiary schools;

21 (D) “Secretary” refers to the Secretary of Education;

22 (E) “Division of Secondary School Library Media Services” refers to the Division
23 established for the purposes of this Act under the Bureau of Elementary Education;

1 (F) “Division of Secondary School Library Media Services” refers to the Division
2 established for the purposes of this Act under the Bureau of Secondary Education;
3 and

4 (G) “Division of Tertiary School Library Media Services” refers to the Division
5 established for the purposes of this Act under the Bureau of Higher Education.

6 SECTION 4. *Establishment and Functions of the Division of Elementary, Secondary,*
7 *and Tertiary School Library Media Services.*

8 (A) *Division.* – There is established within each of the Bureaus of Elementary Education,
9 Secondary Education, and Higher Education, a Division of School Library Media Services, to be
10 administered by a Director of such Division.

11 (B) *Functions.* – The Division of School Library Media Services shall –

12 (1) Provide information and leadership to elementary, secondary, and tertiary
13 school library media specialists, teachers, and school administrators in order
14 to encourage improvement of educational programs, train library personnel,
15 use advanced technology, and develop library resources, including resources
16 that will encourage students to acquire skills in other languages; and

17 (2) Monitor and administer the grant programs for elementary, secondary, and
18 tertiary school library media center resource development; elementary,
19 secondary, and tertiary school library media specialist and teacher partnership
20 grants for innovative education; and grants for uses of technology in the
21 classroom that are linked to the library media center

22 SECTION 5. *Elementary, Secondary and Tertiary School Library Media Program.*—

23 (A) *Establishment of the Elementary, Secondary, and Tertiary School Library Media*
24 *Resource Development Program.* – The Director shall award grants from all allocations to
25 provinces for the acquisition of school library media resources for the use of students, library
26 media specialists and teachers in public elementary, secondary and tertiary schools.

1 (B) *Allocation to Provinces.* – From the amount appropriated in each fiscal year, the
2 Director shall allocate to each province having an approved plan an amount which bears the
3 same relationships to such funds as the amount such province received for educational purposes.

4 (C) *Provincial Plans.* – In order for a province to receive an allocation of funds under
5 paragraph (B) for any fiscal year such province shall have in effect for such fiscal year a
6 provincial plan. Such plan shall –

7 (1) Designate the national educational agency as the agency responsible for the
8 administration and supervision of the program described in this section; and

9 (2) Set forth a program under which funds paid to the province from its allocation
10 under paragraph (B) will be expended solely for -

11 (a) Acquisition of school library media resources, including foreign
12 language resources, for the use of students, school library media
13 specialists and teachers in elementary, secondary and tertiary schools;
14 and

15 (b) Administration of the provincial plan, including development and
16 revision of standards relating to school library media resources, except
17 that the amount used for administration of the provincial plan in any
18 fiscal year shall not exceed five *per centum* (5%) of the amount
19 allocated to such province under paragraph (B) for such fiscal year;
20 and

21 (c) Set forth criteria to be used in allotting funds for school library media
22 resources among the local educational agencies of the province, which
23 allotment shall take into consideration the relative need of the students,
24 school media specialists and teachers to be served.

25 (D) *Distribution of Allocation to Local Educational Agencies.* –

26 (1) *Distribution Rule.* – From the funds allocated to a province under paragraph
27 (B) in each fiscal year, such province shall distribute not less than ninety five
28 *per centum* (95%) of such funds in such fiscal year to local educational
29 agencies within such province according to the relative enrollment of students

1 in public elementary, secondary and tertiary schools within the school districts
2 of such province, adjusted to provide higher per-pupil allotments to local
3 educational agencies that have the greatest number or percentages of students
4 whose education imposes a higher than average costs per child, such as those
5 students –

6 (a) Living in areas with high concentrations of low-income families;

7 (b) From low-income families; and

8 (c) Living in sparsely populated areas.

9 (2) *Calculation of Enrollment.* – The calculation of relative enrollments under
10 subparagraph (1) shall be made on the basis of the total number of students
11 enrolled in public schools in the province.

12 SECTION 6. *Establishment of the School Library Media Specialist and Teacher*
13 *Partnerships for Instructional Innovation Program.* – The Director shall award grants to projects
14 that -

15 (A) Encourage collaboration between public elementary, secondary, and tertiary school
16 library media specialists and teachers in order to develop units of instruction that
17 enable elementary, secondary and tertiary school students to use a variety of
18 information resources; and

19 (B) Expand student’s information-gathering abilities and cognitive skills of selection,
20 analysis, evaluation and application.

21 SECTION 7. *Establishment of the Use of Technology in the Classroom Program.* –

22 (A) *In General.* – The Director shall award grants to encourage collaborative elementary,
23 secondary and tertiary school library media specialist and teacher program assigned to -

24 (1) Expand the use of computers and computer networks in the curriculum; and

25 (2) Enable elementary and secondary school library media centers to access
26 information from computerized databases.

27 (B) *Operative Agreements.* -The Director may enter into a cooperative agreements with
28 appropriate non-profit agencies and organizations in carrying out this Section.

1 SECTION 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Secretary shall promulgate the
2 necessary rules and regulations to assure the smooth and efficient implementation of the
3 provisions of this Act.

4 SECTION 9. *Construction.* – Nothing in this Act shall be construed to interfere with
5 State and local initiative and responsibility in the conduct and support of school library media
6 services, the administration of school library media centers, or the selection of personnel or
7 library books and materials.

8 SECTION 10. *Supplementation.* – Funds provided under this Act shall be used so as to
9 supplement and not supplant other national or local funds available to carry out the activities and
10 services assisted under this Act.

11 SECTION 11. *Appropriations.* – To carry out the provisions of this Act, such sum as may
12 be necessary is hereby authorized to be appropriated from the National Treasury. Thereafter, the
13 sum necessary for the continuous operation of the program shall be included in the annual
14 appropriation of the Department of Education.

15 SECTION 12. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision, or part hereof, is held invalid or
16 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision shall remain valid and subsisting.

17 SECTION 13. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
18 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent
19 with, the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

20 SECTION 14. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
21 publication in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

22 Approved,