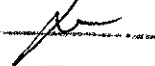


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 15

Submitted by the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources, Civil Service and Government Reorganization, Education, Arts & Culture and Finance on OCT 03 2007

Re: S. No. 1699 Prepared by the Committees

Recommending its approval in substitution of S. Nos. 476, 766, 959, 986 and 1097

Sponsor: Senator Compañera Pia S. Cayetano

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Environment and Natural Resources, Civil Service and Government Reorganization, Education, Arts & Culture and Finance, to which were referred Senate Bill No.476, introduced by Senator Estrada, entitled:

**AN ACT
CREATING THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION,
DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

Senate Bill No. 766, introduced by Senator P. Cayetano, entitled:

**AN ACT
TO PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS BY
DECLARING JUNE 5 OF EVERY YEAR AS WORLD
ENVIRONMENT DAY AND PRESCRIBING ENVIRONMENTAL
EDUCATION TO ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Senate Bill No. 959, introduced by Senator Villar, entitled:

**AN ACT
TO INTEGRATE IN THE CURRICULA OF ALL EDUCATION
INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING NON-FORMAL, INDIGENOUS
LEARNING AND OUT-OF-SCHOOL PROGRAMS, A COURSE ON
PHILIPPINE SOCIETY AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

Senate Bill No. 986, introduced by Senator Villar, entitled:

**AN ACT
CREATING THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION,
DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

and Senate Bill No. 1097, introduced by Senator Legarda, entitled:

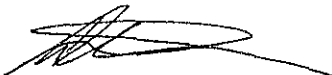
**AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY INCLUSION OF THE STUDY
OF ENVIRONMENT AS AN ADDITIONAL SUBJECT IN THE
SECONDARY EDUCATION CURRICULUM**


have considered the same and have the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached S. No. 1699, prepared by the Committees, entitled:

**AN ACT
TO PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS THROUGH
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION, STRENGTHENING FOR THIS
PURPOSE SECTION 53 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1152,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE ENVIRONMENT
CODE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

be approved in substitution of SB Nos. 476, 766, 959, 986 and 1097 with Senators Estrada, P. Cayetano, Villar and Legarda as authors thereof.

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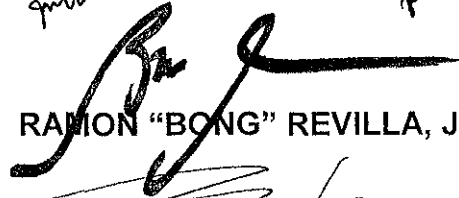
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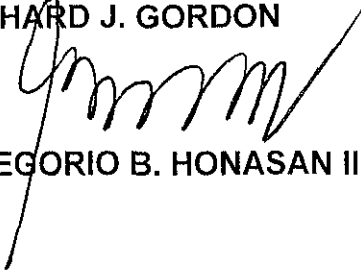
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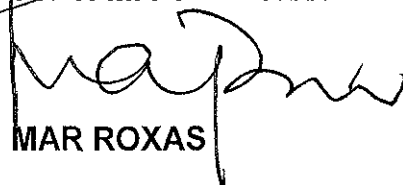


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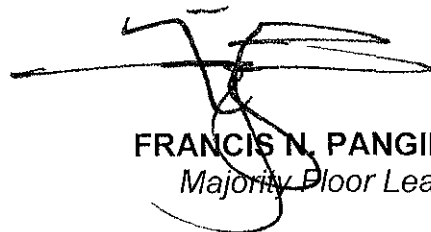


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S. No. **1699**

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Prepared jointly by the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources, Civil Service and Government Reorganization, Education, Arts and Culture and Finance with Senators Estrada, P. Cayetano, Villar and Legarda as authors thereof

**AN ACT
TO PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL
EDUCATION, STRENGTHENING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 53 OF
PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1152, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE
ENVIRONMENT CODE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

1 **Section 1. – Title.** – This Act shall be known as **The Environmental Awareness**
2 **and Education Act of 2007.**

3 **Section 2. – Declaration of Policy.** - It shall be a policy of the State to protect
4 and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with
5 the rhythm and harmony of nature. In recognition of the vital role of youth in nation
6 building and the role of education to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social
7 progress, and promote total human liberation and development, the State shall promote
8 national awareness on the role of natural resources in economic growth and the
9 importance of environmental conservation and ecological balance towards sustained
10 national development among the Filipino youth.

11 **Section 3. Scope.** - Pursuant to the foregoing policy, the Department of
12 Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and Technical Education
13 and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), in coordination with the Department of
14 Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall ensure that the curricula of primary,

1 secondary and tertiary public and private educational institutions, including non-formal,
2 indigenous learning and out-of-school program, incorporate the state of the Philippine
3 and global environment, the threats of environmental degradation and its impact on
4 human well-being, and the value of natural resources conservation and protection in the
5 context of sustainable development. It shall incorporate actual activities to conserve
6 natural resources, including, but not limited to, tree planting activities; recycling and
7 composting programs; marine conservation programs; forest management and
8 conservation; and other such programs to aid the implementation of the different
9 environmental protection laws.

10 **Section 4. *Environmental Education and Activities as Part of National***
11 ***Service Training Program.*** - The CHED and TESDA shall include environmental
12 education and awareness programs and activities in the National Service Training
13 Program under Republic Act No. 9163, as part of the Civic Welfare Training Service
14 component required for all Baccalaureate degree courses and vocational courses with a
15 curriculum of at least two years.

16 **Section 5. *Declaration of Environmental Awareness Day.*** – In line with the
17 principles and mandates set by the Philippine Constitution, the month of January of
18 every year throughout the Philippines shall be known as the “Environmental Awareness
19 Month.”

20 **Section 6. *Inter-Agency and Multi-Sectoral Effort.*** – The DepEd, CHED,
21 TESDA, DENR and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), in consultation
22 with experts in the environmental sector and the academe, shall lead in the
23 implementation of a comprehensive public education and awareness program on
24 environmental protection and conservation through collaborative inter-agency and multi-
25 sectoral effort at all levels.

26 The DENR shall have the primary responsibility of periodically updating all
27 agencies concerned on current environmental updates, including identifying priority
28 environmental education issues for national action and providing strategic advice on the
29 environmental education activities.

1 The DepEd, CHED and TESDA shall ensure that the information is disseminated
2 to the students of all levels.

3 The DOST is mandated to create programs that will ensure that students receive
4 science-based quality information on environmental issues to encourage the
5 development of environmentally-friendly solutions, devices, equipment and facilities.

6 **Section. 7. *Separability Clause.*** - If any part, section, or provision of this Act
7 shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions shall not be affected
8 thereby.

9 **Section. 8. *Repealing Clause.*** - All other acts, laws, executive orders,
10 presidential issuances, rules and regulations or any part thereof which are inconsistent
11 herewith are hereby deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

12 **Section. 9. *Effectivity.*** - The provisions of this Act shall take effect fifteen days
13 from its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) national newspapers of
14 general circulation.

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16 *Approved.*

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