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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article II, Section 17 provides:

Section 17. The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture and sport to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.

Local businesses can play a key role in moving technology into schools, enhancing educators' technology capabilities, and making every student technologically literate.

Educational technologies help children learn and teachers teach. Students who learn to use educational technologies are prepared for both high wage high skilled jobs and higher education.

In order to encourage businesses to help schools provide educational technologies, this bill seeks to establish a program that will give national recognition to businesses, which show an exemplary commitment to participating with schools to make every student technologically literate.\*

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1 AN ACT  
2 RECOGNIZING BUSINESSES WHICH SHOW AN EXEMPLARY COMMITMENT TO  
3 PARTICIPATING WITH SCHOOLS TO ENHANCE EDUCATORS' TECHNOLOGY  
4 CAPABILITIES AND TO MAKE EVERY STUDENT TECHNOLOGICALLY LITERATE

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

7 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Business and Education  
8 Sharing Technology Act (BEST).”

9 SECTION 2. *Purpose.* – It is the purpose of this Act –

10 (A) To establish a program to give local and national recognition to businesses which  
11 show an exemplary commitment to participating with schools to make every student  
12 technologically literate; and

13 (B) To make information about these exemplary partnerships available to other  
14 businesses and schools.

15 SECTION 3. *Nomination.* – The Department of Education shall form a committees  
16 composed of qualified individuals, such as representatives from the government, academe,  
17 private sector and appropriate sectors to carry out the provisions of this Act. The members shall  
18 select, through a competitive process, the businesses engaged in technology partnerships with  
19 schools to receive a BEST award.

20 Representatives of any educational institutions or schools may nominate businesses  
21 which show an exemplary commitment to participating with schools to enhance educators'  
22 technology capabilities and to make every student technologically literate. Such nominations  
23 shall, if available, include –

- 1 (A) Name of business;
- 2 (B) Address of business
- 3 (C) Internet address of business;
- 4 (D) A description of the partnership between school or school district and the business,  
5 including the specific services provided by the business to the school;
- 6 (E) A description of how the partnership is helping to enhance the technological  
7 capabilities of educators or to make every student technologically literate; and
- 8 (F) A description of why the partnership is exemplary.

9 SECTION 4. *Criteria.* – To be eligible to receive a BEST recognition award —

- 10 (A) A business must be in active partnership with a school, consortium of schools, or  
11 local educational agency;
- 12 (B) The purpose of the partnership must be to enhance educators’ technology capabilities  
13 and contribute to making every student technology literate;
- 14 (C) The partnership must have a plan to enhance educators’ technology capabilities or  
15 contribute to making every student technologically literate which can be shared with  
16 other schools; and
- 17 (D) The partnership activities must be of a high level of quality.

18 SECTION 5. *Dissemination.* – The Department of Education shall issue the necessary  
19 rules and regulations in implementing this Act and shall make information and descriptions  
20 regarding the programs and partnerships that are chosen for a BEST recognition award available  
21 to schools nationwide.

22 SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or  
23 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid  
24 and subsisting.

25 SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive  
26 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent  
27 with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

1           SECTION 8. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
2 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

3           Approved,