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Introduced by Senator Alan Peter "Compañero" S. Cayetano

**A RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ARTS AND
CULTURE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY AND REVIEW THE
PRESENT BASIC EDUCATION CURRICULUM TO ASCERTAIN
ITS RELEVANCE AND RESPONSIVENESS, AND TO MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS TO STRENGTHEN THE
COMPETITIVENESS OF THE PHILIPPINE BASIC EDUCATION
SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution declares that the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.

WHEREAS, the Constitution mandates further that the State shall establish and maintain a system of free public education in the elementary and high school levels and shall establish, maintain and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society.

WHEREAS, as measures of basic education efficiency and effectiveness, Basic Education Statistics for school year 2005-2006 showed that, drop out rates are 10.57% for primary and 15.81% for secondary, which have increased from previous year's 9.82% for elementary and 11.30% for secondary. While the cohort survival rates are 58.36% for elementary and 59.10% for secondary, which have declined from previous year's 60.89% for elementary and 69.89% for secondary. Further, the completion rates are 56.76% for elementary and 54.14%, for secondary decreasing from previous year's 59.07% for elementary and 64.77% for secondary.

WHEREAS, there is a need to review and strengthen the Philippine Public school curriculum to raise the quality of education and improve the global competitiveness of Filipino students.

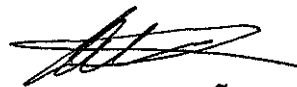
WHEREAS, several bills were filed which proposed the integration of other subjects, such as computer literacy, disaster awareness and disaster mitigation, and study of environment, in the primary and secondary levels curriculum.

WHEREAS, the determination of the necessity of this integration reflecting on whether it would address the needs of the Filipino students, foster competitiveness, and produce graduates that can meet the demands of a global society.

WHEREAS, taking into consideration the resources required in effecting the aforementioned changes, it is also worthwhile to study the institutional capacity for reform of the concerned educational institutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Committee on Education to conduct an inquiry and review the present curriculum of primary and secondary levels of Department of Education to ascertain the relevance and competitiveness of Philippine Public School curriculum. Further resolved, that the Committee on Education use its findings to recommend and make changes to present curriculum if needed, to strengthen curriculum.

Adopted,



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Senator