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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article II provides:

Section 13. The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.

The students need to learn the principles of the free enterprise system in order to instill in them the importance of business ownership and job creation, and to encourage them to pursue entrepreneurship.

This bill establishes the National Commission on Entrepreneurial Education to guide *future business owners and operators to be competent*, in order to ensure the continued strength of the Philippine economy.¹

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¹ This bill was originally filed during the Thirteenth Congress, First Regular Session

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1 AN ACT
2 TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON ENTREPRENEURIAL EDUCATION

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

3 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "Entrepreneurial Education
4 Promotion Act."

5 SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is hereby the policy of the State to recognize the
6 vital role of the youth in nation building and to promote their physical, moral, spiritual,
7 intellectual and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and
8 encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.

9 SECTION 3. *Establishment.* - There is hereby created the National Commission on
10 Entrepreneurial Education, hereinafter in this Act referred to as the "Commission."

11 SECTION 4. *Duties.* -

12 (A) *Study of Teaching Methods.* - The Commission shall study the methods of teaching
13 elementary and secondary school students about the free enterprise system. Such study shall
14 include an examination of teaching methods in the following area:

15 (1) Business formation and operations;

16 (2) Marketing;

17 (3) Finance;

18 (4) Management;

- 1 (5) Tax and fiscal policies of national and local governments;
- 2 (6) Investment capital;
- 3 (7) Product development, production, and distribution;
- 4 (8) Labor relations;
- 5 (9) Microeconomic and macroeconomic principles;
- 6 (10) International trade;
- 7 (11) Other areas which the Commission determines are important to achieving an
- 8 understanding of the free enterprise system.

9 (B) *Study of Current Entrepreneurial Education Efforts.* - In addition to conducting the
10 study prescribed in paragraph (A), the Commission shall study current government efforts in
11 foreign countries.

12 (C) *Recommendations.* - Based on studies conducted under paragraphs (A) and (B), the
13 Commission shall develop recommendations on legislative, administrative and other actions
14 which may be taken to improve entrepreneurial education in the Philippines. Such
15 recommendations shall address methods to establish curriculums which instill in elementary and
16 secondary school students an understanding and appreciation of the various components of
17 entrepreneurship and the free enterprise system.

18 SECTION 5, Membership. -

19 (A) *Number and Appointment.* -The Commission shall consist of 9 members to be
20 appointed not later than one hundred eighty (180) days after the date of the enactment of this Act
21 as follows:

22 (1) *Appointments by the President.* -The President shall appoint a Chairman, a
23 Vice Chairman, and three (3) other members of the Commission.

24 (2) *Appointments by Members of Congress.*-The following members of Congress
25 shall each appoint one (1) member of the Commission:

- 1 (a) The majority leader of the Senate.
2 (b) The minority leader of the Senate.
3 (c) The Speaker of the House of Representatives.
4 (d) The minority leader of the House of Representatives.

5 (B) *Qualifications.* -Members of the Commission shall be appointed from among-

- 6 (1) Owners of large and small business concerns;
7 (2) National and local government officials, including representatives of
8 commerce and trade departments and agencies;
9 (3) Administrators and teachers of elementary and secondary schools;
10 (4) Representatives of labor organizations; and
11 (5) Other individuals qualified to serve in the Commission by virtue of their
12 training and experience.

13 (C) *Terms.* -Members shall be appointed for the life of the Commission.

14 (D) *Vacancies.* - A vacancy on the Commission shall be filled in the manner in which the
15 original appointment was made.

16 (E) *Compensation.* - Members of the Commission shall receive no pay on account of
17 their service on the Commission, but while away from their homes or places of business in the
18 performance of their duties on the Commission, members of the Commission shall be allowed
19 travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence.

20 (F) *Meetings.* -

21 (1) *Quorum.* - Five (5) members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum but
22 a lesser number may hold hearings.

23 (2) *Voting.* -Decisions of the Commission shall be made according to the vote of a
24 majority of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present.

25 SECTION 6. *Director and Staff of Commission; Experts and Consultants.* -

26 (A) *Director.* -The Commission shall have a Director who shall be appointed by the
27 Chairman.

1 (B) *Stag* -Upon the recommendation of the Director, the Chairman may appoint such
2 additional personnel, as the Chairman considers appropriate.

3 (C) *Experts and Consultants*. - With the approval of the Commission, the Chairman may
4 procure temporary and intermittent services of experts and consultants.

5 SECTION 7. *Powers of the Commission*. -

6 (A) *Hearings*. ~ The Commission may, for the purposes of carrying out its duties under
7 section 4, hold such hearings, sit and act at such times and places, take such testimony,
8 and receive such evidence, as the Commission considers appropriate.

9 (B) *Obtaining Information*. -Except as otherwise provided by law, the Commission may
10 secure directly from my department or agency of the Philippine government information
11 necessary to enable it to carry out its duties under section 4. Upon request of the
12 Chairman of the Commission, the head of a department or agency shall furnish such
13 information to the Commission

14 SECTION 8. *Appropriations*. - Such sum as may be necessary to implement the
15 provisions of this Act shall be charged against the Contingent Fund.

16 SECTION 9. *Report*. -Not later than 1 year after the date of the first meeting of the
17 Commission, the Commission shall transmit to the President and Congress a report containing its
18 findings and recommendations.

19 SECTION 10. *Termination*. - The Commission shall terminate not later than two (2)
20 months after submitting a report under section 8.

21 SECTION 11. *Separability Clause*. - If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or
22 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid
23 and subsisting.

1 SECTION 12. *Repealing Clause.* - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
2 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent
3 with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

4 SECTION 13. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
5 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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