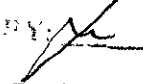


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 9344, also known as the “Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006,” states: “The State recognizes the vital role of children and 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 Juvenile Justice and Welfare Council (JJWC), which is attached to and under the administrative supervision of the Department of Justice and chaired by an undersecretary of the Department of Social Welfare and Development, is the government agency tasked to implement the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006. JJWC is also mandated to formulate and recommend policies and strategies in consultation with children for the prevention of juvenile delinquency and the administration of justice, as well as for the treatment and rehabilitation of the children in conflict with the law;


The purpose of this bill is to promote, through the JJWC, the persistent quest for knowledge and increased education among the youth, thus, decreasing the influx of young people in penitentiaries in the Philippines by exposing them to the value of increased education.


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1 AN ACT
2 PROMOTING THE PERSISTENT QUEST FOR KNOWLEDGE AND INCREASED
3 EDUCATION AMONG THE YOUTH

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

4 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Positive Reduction of
5 Incarceration by Maximizing Education Act” or the “PRIME Act.”

6 SECTION 3. *Public Awareness Campaigns for Continuing Education Among Youth.* –

7 (a) *Public Awareness Campaigns.* – The Secretaries of Justice, and Social Welfare and
8 Development, through the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Council (JJWC), shall utilize existing
9 resources allocated to it to establish national, regional, and local public awareness campaigns
10 focused on promoting the advantages of continued education among the youth, including the
11 decreased likelihood of incarceration for youth who continue to pursue education. In carrying out
12 this Act, the JJWC may use advertising through television, radio, print media, billboards, posters,
13 the Internet, and any other methods as the council may determine to be appropriate.

14 (b) *Report.* – Not later than 1 October of each year after the date of effectivity of this Act,
15 the JJWC shall submit to the chairperson and members of the Committees on Justice of the
16 House of Representatives and the Senate a report that describes the activities carried out under
17 this Act during the preceding year.

18 SECTION 3. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act shall be declared
19 unconstitutional, any other provision not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

1 SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or
2 parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

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

Approved,

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