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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND YOUTH, WOMEN AND FAMILY RELATIONS, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF R.A. 9231 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-CHILD LABOR LAW AND ENSURE COMPLIANCE THERETO**

**WHEREAS**, Article II of the 1987 Constitution 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.*

**WHEREAS**, there are about 2.06 million children who are forced to work in dangerous and life threatening activities because of poverty and hunger;

**WHEREAS**, the consequences of child labor can be numerous and crippling on a child's physical, mental and emotional state;

**WHEREAS**, in order to address this problem, Congress passed Republic Act 9231 or "The Anti-Child Labor Law" on December 19, 2003;

**WHEREAS**, said law seeks to eliminate the worst forms of child labor such as the sale and trafficking of children, debt bondage, serfdom, including recruitment of children for use in armed conflict; prostitution and pornography; use of children for illegal activities, including drug trafficking; and any work that is hazardous and harmful to the health, safety and morals of children;

**WHEREAS**, the law ensures that the government shall provide and make accessible to working children free and immediate legal, medical and psychological services;

**WHEREAS**, it also provides stiffer penalties against acts of child labor and authorizes the Department of Labor and Employment to close down business establishments found violating the anti child labor provisions of the new law;

**WHEREAS**, for reasons of the foregoing it becomes necessary for the Senate to review the mechanisms for implementing Republic Act 9231 or the Anti-Child Labor Law in order to ensure compliance thereto; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

**RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines to direct the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development and Youth, Women and Family Relations, to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the implementation of Republic Act 9231 otherwise known as the Anti-Child Labor Law and to ensure compliance thereto.

Adopted,

  
**MANNY VILLAR**  
Senator