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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 496

Submitted by the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

on DEC - 3 2012

Re: House Bill No. 5496, taking into consideration Senate Bill Nos. 413 and 2677

Recommending its approval with amendments

Sponsor: Senator Angara

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Education, Arts and Culture to which was referred House Bill No. 5496, introduced by Representatives Mary Mitzi L. Cajayon, Christopher S. Co, Rodel M. Batocabe, Juan Edgardo M. Angara, Alfredo A. Garbin, Jr. , Salvador H. Escudero III and Bernadette R. Herrera-Dy, entitled:

“AN ACT

**REQUIRING ALL ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO
ADOPT POLICIES TO PREVENT AND ADDRESS THE ACTS OF
BULLYING IN THEIR INSTITUTIONS”**

taking into consideration Senate Bill No. 413, introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV, entitled:

**"AN ACT
REQUIRING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ADOPT POLICIES
PROHIBITING HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, AND BULLYING"**

and Senate Bill No. 2677, introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago, entitled:

**"AN ACT
MANDATING SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO
CREATE ANTI-BULLYING POLICIES IN THEIR INSTITUTIONS"**

has considered the same and has the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be approved with the following amendments:

1. On page 3, after line 6, insert the phrase:

"Provided, in addition to the disciplinary sanctions imposed upon a perpetrator of bullying or retaliation, he/she shall also be required to undergo a rehabilitation program which shall be administered by the institution concerned. The parents of the said perpetrator shall be encouraged by the said institution to join the rehabilitation program. ";

2. On page 3, line 22, delete the word "and";
3. On page 3, delete entire subsection (f) and insert the following subsections:


"(f) Educate students on the dynamics of bullying, the anti-bullying policies of the school as well the mechanisms of such school for the anonymous reporting of acts of bullying or retaliation;

(g) Educate parents and guardians about the dynamics of bullying, the anti-bullying policies of the school and how parents and guardians can provide support and reinforce such policies at home; and

(h) Maintain a public record of relevant information and statistics on acts of bullying or retaliation in school, provided that the names of students who committed acts of bullying or retaliation shall be strictly confidential and only made available to the school administration, teachers directly responsible for the said students and parents or guardians of students who are or have been victims of acts of bullying or retaliation.”;

4. On page 5, line 6, after the word “Act,” insert the following phrase: “and every first week of the start of the school year thereafter,”; and
5. On page 5, line 7 and 8, delete the phrase “shall report to their respective school division superintendents all incidents involving school bullying.” and insert the phrase “shall submit a report to their respective school division superintendents all relevant information and statistics on acts of bullying or retaliation.”

Respectfully Submitted by:


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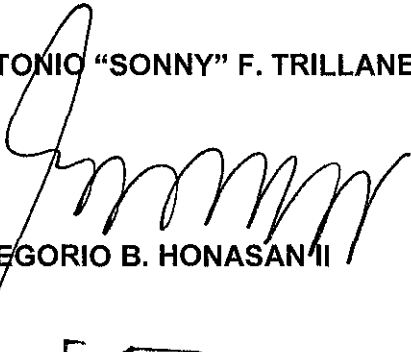
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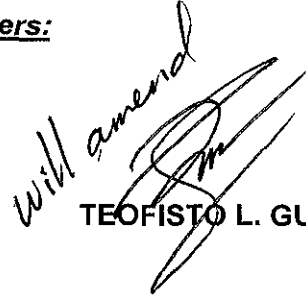
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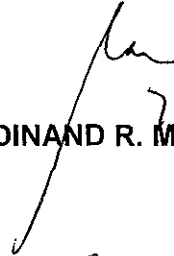


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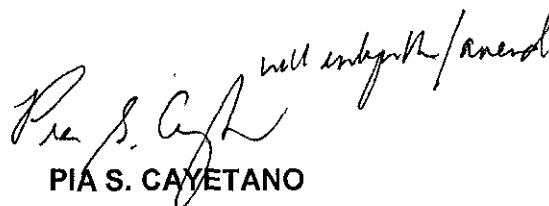
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