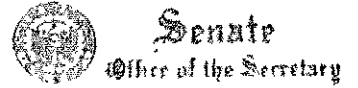


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Senate Bill No. 319

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Theft, robbery and destruction of public school property are more than just crimes against public property. They certainly constitute brazen assault on our educational institutions and a grievous attack to our country's educational system.

Given that the materials involved are vital components of the educational process, such crimes undermine the education of our children, jeopardize their future and threaten to derail the government's avowed mission to provide quality education to all Filipinos.

This bill will increase the jail time and monetary penalties for felons convicted of theft, robbery and destruction of public school property. In view of the security vulnerabilities of our schools, there is undoubtedly an urgent need for a stronger deterrent against such crimes.

This proposed legislative measure, if enacted into law, will certainly provide that much-needed deterrent.

Hence, the passage of this bill is hereby earnestly sought.

CYNTHIA A. VILLAR

1 **SECTION. 5. *Penalty for Special Case of Malicious Mischief.*** – Destruction to
2 school property not covered by the immediately preceding Sections shall be considered
3 a special case of malicious mischief under Chapter Nine of Title Ten of the Revised
4 Penal Code. Any person who shall cause damage to school property shall be punished
5 with the penalty next higher in degree than those specified in Articles 328 and 329 of
6 the Revised Penal Code.

7 **SECTION. 6. *Penalty for Public Officials.*** – If the person convicted of the
8 crimes referred in this Act is a public official as defined in Republic Act No. 6713 or the
9 Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees, the
10 additional penalty of perpetual disqualification from public office shall be imposed.
11 Conviction of a public officer under this Act is without prejudice to criminal prosecution
12 and/or administrative proceedings under applicable Civil Service laws and regulations,
13 Republic Act No. 6713, and Republic Act No. 3019 or the Anti-Graft and Corrupt
14 Practices Act.

15 **SECTION. 7. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and
16 regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are
17 hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

18 **SECTION. 8. *Separability Clause.*** – If any portion of this Act is declared
19 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall
20 remain in force and effect.

21 **SECTION. 9. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect 15 days after its
22 complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

23 Approved,

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