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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,  
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SHORTAGE OF PROFESSIONALS IN VARIOUS  
INDUSTRIES DUE TO THE LOW TURNOUT OF STUDENTS TAKING PROFESSIONAL  
COURSES

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 17 states: "The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development";

WHEREAS, Article 13, Section 3 of the same mandates that: "The State shall afford full protection to labor, local and overseas, organized and unorganized, and promote full employment and equality of employment opportunities for all";

WHEREAS, various news agencies reported that the country is facing shortage of professionals in various industries due to the low turnout of students taking the needed courses, according to officials of the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC);

WHEREAS, citing data from the past six years, PRC identified these industries as optometry, nutrition and dietetics, guidance and counseling, social work, medical technology, pharmacy, library science, psychology, dentistry, and mining engineering;

WHEREAS, PRC officials reportedly said the steady popularity of nursing, education, and criminology as choice of college courses by students causes a worsening labor mismatch in the country;

WHEREAS, the officials allegedly said that incoming college students' course choices are guided by whatever profession is in demand for that particular year;


WHEREAS, officials from the Board of Mining Engineering (BME) reportedly added that the number of mining engineers in the country is dwindling because only a few schools are offering such courses and much fewer students are choosing to enroll, and that BME may not be able to supply the local demand for this profession because of this;

WHEREAS, according to PRC and BME officials, the dwindling number of mining engineers and professionals in other industries is an alarming trend because some of these industries, especially and particularly mining, compose most of the country's revenue;

WHEREAS, legislation should remedy this dilemma in both education and labor sectors in order to provide employment for Filipinos and bolster the development of these industries crucial for national development by supplying them with a well-trained labor force;

WHEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the shortage of professionals in various industries due to the low turnout of students taking professional courses.

Adopted,

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MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

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