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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution, Article 2, Section 16 states that:

The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature.

Instruction in environmental topics such as recycling, energy efficiency, conservation, and climate control is essential and relevant for students throughout the country. The basic aim of environmental education is to provide our children with the knowledge needed to develop a sense of responsibility towards the environment and the rational utilization of its riches. With increasing emphasis nationwide on sustainability and conservation, it is only appropriate that our young students be given adequate instruction on environmental issues. This will not only instruct students on how to be good citizens, it will also expose them to potential future careers dealing with the environment and conservation.\*

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\* This bill was originally filed in the 14<sup>th</sup> Congress.



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1 AN ACT  
2 REQUIRING THAT THE COURSE OF INSTRUCTION FOR STUDENTS  
3 FROM KINDERGARTEN TO ELEMENTARY INCLUDE A COMPONENT IN  
4 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

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

5 SECTION 1. *Instruction in Environmental Education.* - The Department of Education  
6 shall ensure that the course of instruction from kindergarten to elementary school shall include a  
7 component on environmental education. Such component shall instruct students on topics  
8 including, but not limited to, recycling, energy efficiency, conservation, and climate change. The  
9 Secretary of Education shall determine how to incorporate such component in existing curricula  
10 and shall promulgate any regulations needed to carry out such determination.

11 SECTION 2. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations or  
12 parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or  
13 modified accordingly.

14 SECTION 3. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days  
15 following its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,