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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTS OF STUDENTS SUCCUMBING TO PROSTITUTION DUE TO THE RISING COSTS OF EDUCATION IN THE COUNTRY

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 11 states: "the State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights";

WHEREAS, news website *Rappler.com* reported on 19 February 2014 that the act of using prostitution as a means of earning money to send oneself to school, now commonly known as "prosti-tuition", is becoming a trend.;

WHEREAS, it was reported that the peak season for "prosti-tuition" is typically during enrollment period or right before final exams;

WHEREAS, using social media, "prosti-tuition" reportedly has begun to operate on a technological scale; girls allegedly can study while utilizing their social media profile, website, or mobile phones for sexual solicitations;

WHEREAS, the students can allegedly earn 3,000 pesos in just 3 hours, or 10,000 pesos in a day;

WHEREAS, in the news article, Claire Padilla of the women's rights group EnGendeRights explained that "prosti-tuition" points to the need for a comprehensive response to the problem of students who do not have enough money to pay the rising cost of education;

WHEREAS, Padilla reportedly said that that there should be 'study now, pay later programs' as well as livelihood programs so the girls won't have to go back to their practices;

WHEREAS, there is a need for the Senate and concerned government agencies to formulate policies and programs improving the educational system, and alleviate the burden of costs of education;

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 reports of students succumbing to prostitution due to the rising costs of education in the country.

Adopted,

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