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TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF NATIONAL RESEARCH AND  
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 14, Section 10 provides:

SEC. 10. Science and Technology are essential for national development and progress. The State shall give priority to research and development, invention, innovation, and their utilization; and to science and technology education, training, and services. It shall support indigenous, appropriate, and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, and their application to the country's productive systems and national life.

Research and development is an essential part of science and technology. It is important not only for our collective intellectual growth but also for our progress as a nation. As such, we need to ensure that bureaucratic processes will not hinder our efforts and simplify the government requirements to allow the people behind the research and development activities to focus on their studies.

This bill seeks to establish under the Office of the President a Research and Development Support Committee (RDSC) who shall be responsible for reviewing regulations affecting research and research universities.

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

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5 SECTION 1. *Short Title* – This Act shall be known as “Research and  
6 Development Efficiency Act’.”

7 SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy*. – It shall be the policy of the state  
8 to ensure that all efforts towards research and development shall be efficient  
9 and effective.

10 SECTION 3. *Research and Development Audit Committee*. – There  
11 shall be established under the Office of the President a Research and  
12 Development Support Committee (RDSC) who shall be responsible for  
13 reviewing regulations affecting research and research universities and  
14 making recommendations on how to:

- 15 a. harmonize, streamline, and eliminate duplicative regulations and  
16 reporting requirements; and  
17 b. minimize the regulatory burden on institutions of higher education  
18 performing government funded research while maintaining  
19 accountability for expenditures.

20 SECTION 4. *Stakeholder Input*. – In carrying out the responsibilities  
21 under Section 3, the RDSC shall take into account input and  
22 recommendations from stakeholders, including national and local

1 government funded researchers, institutions of higher education, scientific  
2 disciplinary societies and associations, nonprofit research institutions,  
3 industry, including small businesses, government funded research and  
4 development centers, and others with a stake in ensuring effectiveness,  
5 efficiency, and accountability in the performance of scientific research.

6 SECTION 5. *Report.* – Not later than 1 year after the date of  
7 enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for 3 years, the Director shall  
8 report to the appropriate committees in the Senate and the House of  
9 Representatives on what steps have been taken to carry out the  
10 recommendations of the working group established under Section 3.

11 SECTION 6. *Term.* – The term of RDSC shall be three (3) years.

12 SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or  
13 issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or  
14 regulation contrary to or inconsistent with this Act is hereby repealed,  
15 modified, or amended accordingly.

16 SECTION 8. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen  
17 (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general  
18 circulation.

19 Adopted,

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