


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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF
LEGISLATION, THE REPORTED INCREASE IN CHILD RAPE CASES

WHEREAS, the State shall defend the right of children to special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation and other conditions prejudicial to their development¹;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to provide sanctions for the commission of all forms of child abuse and carry out a program for prevention and deterrence of and crisis intervention in situations of child abuse²;

WHEREAS, the Philippine National Police (PNP) reported that the number of rape cases has increased by 35% from January to October 2014 with a total of 7,306 reported cases³;

WHEREAS, according to data from Women and Children Protection Center of the PNP (PNP WCPC), 76.9% of the victims were minors⁴;

WHEREAS, according to PNP WCPC Director, Chief Superintendent Juanita Nebran, the increase in rape cases can be attributed to the improved reporting of cases and not necessarily an increase in the actual number of rape cases⁵;

WHEREAS, according to Philippine Commission on Women, the 2011 International Statistics on Crime and Justice conducted by the European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control, ranks the Philippines as 7th among the countries with high prevalence of rape cases. The PNP records show that reported rape cases ranked third and accounted for about 9.6% of total reported violence against women (VAW) cases from 2004 to 2012. The WCPU statistics for 2012

¹Section 3 (2), Article XV of the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines.

²Section 2 of Republic Act No. 7610 or the Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act

³Philstar News Website, PNP: Majority of rape victims are children, <http://www.philstar.com/headlines/2014/12/02/1398300/pnp-majority-rape-victims-are-children>,

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid.

revealed that the most recorded victims of sexual abuse are children between the ages of 13-15 years old with 1,147 cases. The National Objectives for Health Survey of the DOH (2000) shows that 295,448 teenagers between the ages of 13-15 years experienced sexual abuse, 61,518 of these were forced sex/rape and only 0.1% are reported to the authorities⁶;

WHEREAS, children are most at risk of sexual abuse and incidents of child rape are often not reported to authorities;

WHEREAS, reporting to the proper authorities and accurate recording are essential in preventing sexual abuse of children;

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Senate to inquire into the growing incidence of child rape and adopt the necessary legislation to address the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved to direct the proper senate committee to investigate, in aid of legislation, the reported increase in child rape cases.

Adopted,


MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY
Senator

⁶ Philippine Commission on Women website, Amending the Anti-rape Law, <http://pcw.gov.ph/wppla/rape>