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Introduced by SEN. VICENTE C. SOTTO III

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO
CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON PRESENT STATISTICS
ON DRUG IN ABUSE AND DRUG-RELATED PROBLEMS AMONG THE
FILIPINO YOUTH, ESPECIALLY STUDENTS IN UNIVERSITIES AND
COLLEGES IN THE COUNTRY**

WHEREAS, Section 13, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that:

“The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being”;

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that:

“The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them”

WHEREAS, according to the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), more than 8,000 barangays in the country are plagued with the drug menace;

WHEREAS, in 19 February 2015 news report of the Philippine Star, it reported that based on PDEA’s consolidated data gathered from its operational reports and other law enforcement agencies, around 20.51 percent or 8,629 villages out of the 42,065 barangays nationwide have drug-related cases;

WHEREAS, the same news report stated that Metro Manila has the highest rate of being drug-affected with 92.10 percent of the region's barangays affected, followed by Region 4A (Southern Tagalog) at 33.78 percent;

WHEREAS, the problem in the trading and use of prohibited drugs has reached the various universities and colleges in the country;

WHEREAS, the youth's welfare and well-being are being compromised by the country's number one quandary, the propagation of prohibited drugs;

BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the appropriate Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation on present statistics on the drug related problems and the prevalence of drug abuse among the Filipino youth, especially students in universities and colleges in the country;

Adopted.


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