


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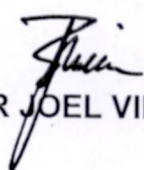
**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The large pool of young people constituting the Philippine population is a big blessing to the Philippines. Our young population has significant potential to contribute to our development. Unfortunately, because of binding constraints, we are unable to tap this potential resource.

Daily, we hear news of young people falling to their death because they fall into bad habits like drugs. Sadly, drugs and substance abuse have contributed to the destruction of the lives of the youth.

With the main thrust of the present administration to eradicate drug dependency and substance abuse, having a program that educates the youth on the personal and social consequences of substance abuse and drug dependency is deemed necessary. This program, which involves the school, the community and local law enforcement agencies, will help ensure that the lives of our youth are spared from the adverse effects of drugs.

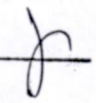
As such, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

**SECTION 1. Short Title.** - This Act shall be known as the Youth Drug Abuse  
Resistance Education and Prevention Program (Y-DARE) Act of 2016.

**SECTION 2. Purpose.** - This Act is enacted for the purpose of providing the youth  
with the appropriate skills to avoid opportunities of drug abuse and live productive  
drug- and violence-free lives, by helping establish positive relationships between and  
among students and law enforcement agencies, teachers, parents and other  
community leaders.

**SECTION 3. Implementation.** - The Department of Health (DOH) shall take the  
lead role in implementing the Youth Drug Abuse Resistance and Prevention  
Program. The DOH shall closely coordinate with the the Department of Education  
(DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and other appropriate agencies  
in pursuing its mandate under this Act.

The DOH shall administer, coordinate and recommend policies and programs that  
are designed to:

- (a) Provide financial assistance for drug prevention activities and promote the  
health and well being of students in elementary and secondary schools and  
institutions of higher education; *provided that*, these activities may be carried  
out by the national and local government educational agencies or by other  
public and private non-profit organizations;
- (b) Participate in the formulation and development of policy and legislative  
proposals and in over-all administration policies related to drug prevention,  
drafting program regulations;
- (c) Participate in inter-agency committees, groups and partnerships related to



1 drug prevention, coordinate with other government agencies on issues related  
2 to comprehensive school health, and advise the Secretary of the DepEd on  
3 the formulation of comprehensive school health education policy;  
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5 (d) Participate with other government agencies in the development of a national  
6 research agenda for drug prevention; and  
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8 (e) Provide national leadership on issues and programs in correctional education.  
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10 The DepEd and CHED shall supervise the following courses of action:  
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12 (a) Ensure that schools with the help of the community shall be provided an  
13 environment where the youth shall be provided with avenues that shall assist  
14 them in achieving their potential and shall hone their talents;  
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16 (b) Provide the schools with proper, adequate and effective materials that tackle  
17 the problem of substance abuse and discuss preventive mechanisms to ensure  
18 that the youth will not be lured to try illegal drugs;  
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20 (c) Develop a safe school plan which provides for (i) a mechanism for the  
21 reporting of the sale and use of prohibited drugs and (ii) a procedure that will  
22 trigger rehabilitation efforts of the youth who were reported to have bought or  
23 used illegal drugs under subsection (i) above; and  
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25 (d) Build effective channels of communication between the school and the  
26 parents to ensure that the educational and/or intervention programs are  
27 adequately carried out in and out of school.  
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29 **SECTION 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – The DOH and DepEd, in  
30 consultation with the National Youth Commission and local and national  
31 organizations that serve the youth and promote drug prevention, shall issue the  
32 implementing rules and regulations within 90 days from the effectivity of this Act.  
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34 **SECTION 5. *Livelihood and Training Programs.*** – The Youth Drug Abuse  
35 Resistance Education and Prevention Program shall include livelihood and training  
36 programs. For this purpose, the DepEd and other concerned government agencies  
37 shall coordinate with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority.  
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39 **SECTION 6. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary for the implementation of  
40 this Act shall be taken from the appropriations of the DOH, DepEd and CHED under  
41 the General Appropriations Act.  
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43 **SECTION 7. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act is declared  
44 unconstitutional, the other provisions shall remain valid.  
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46 **SECTION 8. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or  
47 parts thereof inconsistent with the Act or the rules and regulations promulgated  
48 pursuant thereto are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.  
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1 **SECTION 9. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after  
2 publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.  
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4 Approved,