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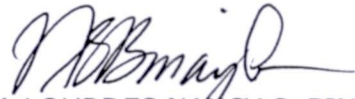
Article II, Section 13 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides:

"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. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs."

For the purpose of ensuring the future of our youth's intellectual, physical and social well-being there is a need to establish a comprehensive program for the prevention, intervention, evaluation, and treatment for student alcohol, tobacco and drug use.

The proposed bill seeks to create and establish a national alcohol, tobacco and drug abuse program that will be implemented in all high schools, colleges, and universities.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

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

1 Section 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the "Keep Clean from
2 Substance Abuse Guidance and Educational Program."

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4 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the State
5 to ensure the social, physical and mental health and development of our youth
6 and address substance abuse problems within school campuses.

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8 Sec. 3. *Establishment of the Keep Clean from Substance Abuse Guidance*
9 *and Educational Program.* – The Department of Education (DepEd), in
10 coordination with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the Department
11 of Health (DOH), and the Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB), shall establish a
12 comprehensive program of prevention, intervention, referral for evaluation,
13 referral for treatment and continuity of care for student alcohol, tobacco and
14 other drug abuse in all secondary schools, colleges and universities.

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16 Sec. 4. *Prevention Component.* – The purpose of the prevention
17 component of the program shall be to:

18 (A) Keep students from using alcohol, tobacco or other drugs;

- (B) Reduce or eliminate the incidence and prevalence of student alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse;
- (C) Increase the age of onset of students' first use of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs;
- (D) Reduce the factors that place students at risk for involvement with alcohol, tobacco or other drugs through school and community-based planning processes;
- (E) Contribute to the development of school environments and alternative activities that are alcohol, tobacco and other drug-free;
- (F) Increase the knowledge and skills of students, staff and community members for avoiding the harmful effects of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use; and
- (G) Actively involve staff, parents and other community members in the development and implementation of prevention program plans.

Sec. 5. Intervention, Referral for Evaluation and Referral for Treatment Component. – The purpose of the intervention, referral for evaluation and referral for treatment components of the program shall be to:

- (A) Identify students who are at risk for, or who have exhibited, alcohol, tobacco or other drug abuse or related problems;
- (B) Help students or their parents who have requested assistance for alcohol, tobacco or other drug abuse problems;
- (C) Make a preliminary assessment of a student's need for educational programs, supportive services or treatment which extends beyond the general school program by virtue of the use of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs by the student or the student's parents;

1 (D) Refer students for evaluation to make a positive determination
2 regarding a student's need for alcohol, tobacco or other drug
3 treatment; and

4 (E) Help a student or a student's parents follow through on the
5 recommendation of an evaluation which has positively
6 determined the harmful use of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs
7 by the student or the student's parents.
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9 Sec. 6. *Continuity of Care Component.* – The purpose of the continuity of
10 care component of the program shall be to:

11 (A) Assist with the provision of educational programs and services
12 for students in treatment; and

13 (B) Plan and provide supportive services for students who are
14 returning from treatment.
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16 Sec. 7. *Training of Educational Staff.* – The DepEd and CHED shall ensure
17 that all members of the educational staff shall receive in-service training in
18 alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse prevention and intervention.
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20 Sec. 8. *Substance Awareness Coordinators.* – The program shall have
21 substance awareness coordinators who shall assist schools in the effective
22 implementation of the program.
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24 Sec. 9. *Program for Parents.* – Educational programs on alcohol, tobacco
25 and other drug abuse for parents shall be established and offered at times and
26 places convenient to the parents of enrolled students.
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28 Sec. 10. *Confidentiality of Student Alcohol and Other Drug Information.* –
29 Each school shall assure compliance with the following confidentiality
30 requirements:

- 1 (A) Confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; and
2 (B) Confidentiality of information provided by an elementary or
3 secondary school student while participating in a school-based
4 drug and alcohol counseling program which indicates that the
5 student's parent or other person residing in the student's
6 household is dependent upon or illegally using substances.

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8 Sec. 11. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR)*. – The DepEd, CHED,
9 and DOH shall promulgate the IRR within three (3) months from the effectivity of
10 this Act.

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12 Sec. 12. *Appropriations*. – To carry out the provisions of this Act, such
13 sums as may be necessary are hereby authorized to be appropriated from the
14 National Treasury. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continuous
15 operation of the Keep Clean from Substance Abuse Guidance and Educational
16 Program shall be included in the annual appropriations of the DepEd.

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18 Sec. 13. *Separability Clause*. – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or
19 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other
20 provisions hereof.

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22 Sec. 14. *Repealing Clause*. – All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances, or
23 portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are
24 hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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26 Sec. 15. *Effectivity Clause*. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
27 after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general
28 circulation.

Approved,