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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines has lagged behind many of its ASEAN neighbors in producing graduates that are innovators, researchers, and solution seekers which are needed to effectively function in a globally competitive knowledge-economy. In the 2018 Global Innovation Index, the Philippines only ranked 73 out of 126 countries in producing innovators. The Philippines also did not perform well in producing quality researchers, with only 81 researchers per million population as compared to 205 in Indonesia and 115 in Vietnam. The decreasing quality of education in the country is further worsened by the perennial problems of declining teacher competencies, and overlapping and confusing policies on how students will seamlessly gain employment after graduation, among others.

This bill thus proposes the establishment of an Educational Roadmap that shall provide a common national policy on education to enhance global competitiveness. The Educational Roadmap shall incorporate skills and competencies that are needed by industries in order to produce graduates that will be part of a

¹ 2018 Global Innovation Index.

² Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022.

globally competitive workforce. It will focus on important components such as: global languages, teacher competencies, capacity building for centers of excellence, and school-to-work transition, to provide graduates with competencies that will help them have a decent life.

In view of the foregoing, the 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 "Educational Roadmap" 1 Act." 2 Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy. - The 1987 Constitution guarantees that the 3 State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all 4 levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all. The 5 State shall also establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and 6 integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and the society. 7 In recognition of the important role of education in our society, it shall be the policy 8 of the State to institutionalize an educational roadmap to accelerate human capital 9 development by ensuring lifelong learning opportunities for all. The educational 10 roadmap shall also provide the government with a common policy direction towards 11 12 global competitiveness and a human capital development.

Sec. 3. *Educational Roadmap.* – The government, through the Educational Roadmap National Coordinating Council, shall establish an educational roadmap which will provide a common national policy on education that will incorporate skills and competencies that are needed by industries in order to produce graduates that will be part of a globally competitive workforce.

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- (a) Global Languages. A national policy on global languages shall be included in the educational roadmap. This shall be aligned with the Common Framework of Reference for Languages (CFR) to ensure national and global competitiveness, especially in the areas of education and labor.
- (b) *Graduate Competencies.* The educational roadmap shall incorporate the review of existing curricula to ensure that the competencies and skills of the graduates that are needed by the industry, both local and international, are integrated herein.
- (c) Teacher Competencies. It shall strengthen capacity building programs among teachers and other educational agents on relevant pedagogical approaches that are responsive to student needs and will improve student learning outcomes.
- (d) Capacity Building for Centers of Excellence. It shall improve the areas of instruction, research and publication, extension and linkages and institutional qualification for the country's engagement in the knowledge-based global economy.
- (e) School-to-Work Transition. It shall also provide for a policy for the seamless progression from basic education to higher education vis-avis industry placement. This shall include the strengthening and expanding of internship, apprenticeship, and dual-training program of students as well as expanding collaboration among the government, academe, and the industry.
- Sec. 5. Educational Roadmap National Coordinating Council. In order to promote and implement a common policy direction on quality and accessible education towards global competitiveness, the Educational Roadmap National Coordinating Council is hereby established and is mandated to design, formulate, and monitor the implementation of the Educational Roadmap. It shall be composed of the following:

(a) The Chairperson, Committee on Higher Education (CHED), as Chairperson 1 of the Council; 2 3 (b) The Secretary, Department of Education (DepEd), as member; (c) The Secretary, Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), as 4 member; 5 (d) The Secretary, Department of Science and Technology (DOST), as 6 member; 7 (e) The Director-General, National Economic and Development Authority 8 (NEDA), as member; 9 (f) The Chairperson, Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), as member; 10 (g) The Chairperson, National Youth Commission (NYC), as member; and 11 (h) One (1) representative of the economic sector, as member. 12 Sec. 6. Participation of the Industry Sector. – Industry sector representatives 13 shall be consulted and tapped in the development and implementation of the 14 Educational Roadmap to ensure the alignment of educational outcomes with industry 15 requirements and add to the value of qualifications within the workplace. 16 Sec. 7. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act is declared 17 unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the other provisions shall not be 18 affected thereby. 19 Sec. 8. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or 20 21 parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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Approved,

Sec. 9. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its

publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.