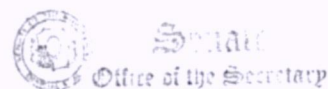


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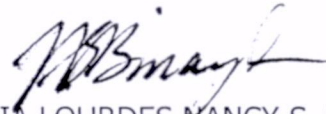
Article II, Section 13 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides:

"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."

The Internet links and connects millions of people's computers together globally. It is a massive networking infrastructure that forms a linkage wherein computers can communicate with each other provided that it is connected to the Internet. The Internet can enrich lives, provide information, entertainment, social networking, and connections to people all over the world. However, the Internet can be a cause of problems when people use it to do unscrupulous acts like cybersex, pornography, gambling, cyber bullying and among others. Students may develop a habit of overusing the Internet consequently interfering with their ability to keep up with school, relationships, and may have a negative effect on their mood.

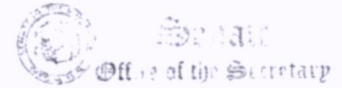
The proposed bill seeks to establish a comprehensive program that will require a mandatory Internet safety education for all students in order to prevent the problems arising from the misuse of the internet and other new media by guiding students to properly use the Internet.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'ML Binay', is positioned above the printed name.

MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY
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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 “Internet Safety
2 Education Act”

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4 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – For the purposes of this Act, the terms:

5 (A) “DepEd” means Department of Education

6 (B) “Internet Safety Education Program” means an age-
7 appropriate, research-based program that encourages safe,
8 ethical, and responsible use of the Internet, promotes an
9 informed, critical understanding of the internet, and educates
10 children and communities about how to prevent or respond to
11 problems or dangers related to the internet or new media;

12 (C) “New Media”

13 (1) means emerging digital, computerized, or network
14 informed and communication technologies that often
15 have interactive capacities; and

16 (2) includes e-mail, instant messaging, text messaging,
17 web sites, blogs, interactive gaming, social media,
18 cellphones, and mobile devices; and

1 (D) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Department of
2 Education.

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4 *Sec. 3. Implementing Agency and its duties. –*

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6 (A) The DepEd shall:

- 7 (1) Identify, develop, and implement Internet Safety
8 education programs, including educational technology,
9 multimedia and interactive applications, online
10 resources, and lesson plans
- 11 (2) Provide professional training to elementary and
12 secondary teachers, administrators, and other staff on
13 Internet safety and new media literacy;
- 14 (3) Develop online risk prevention programs for children;
- 15 (4) Train and support peer-driven Internet Safety
16 education initiatives;
- 17 (5) Coordinate and fund research initiatives that
18 investigate online risks to children and Internet safety
19 education;
- 20 (6) Develop and implement public education campaigns to
21 promote awareness of online risks to children and
22 Internet safety education;
- 23 (7) Educate parents about teaching their children how to
24 use the Internet and new media safely, responsibly,
25 and ethically and help parents identify and protect
26 their children from risks relating to use of the Internet
27 and new media; or

28 (B) The DepEd Secretary shall, within sixty (60) days from the
29 effectivity of this Act, promulgate rules and regulations,
30 including those of disciplinary nature, to carry out and

1 enforce provisions of this Act. Further, the DepEd shall be the
2 lead agency in the carrying out the following: the Secretary
3 is hereby authorized and directed to adopt a system to
4 implement and carry out the provisions of this Act.
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6 Sec. 4. *Appropriations.* – To carry out the provisions of this Act, such
7 amount as may be necessary is hereby authorized to be appropriated from the
8 National Treasury. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continuous
9 operation of this program shall be included in the annual appropriation of the
10 DepEd.
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12 Sec. 5. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or section of this Act is held
13 invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions and sections not affected thereby
14 shall remain in full force and effect.
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16 Sec. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive
17 orders, or issuances, or any part thereof which are inconsistent with the
18 provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.
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20 Sec.7. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
21 publication in the Official Gazette or two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,