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OF THE PHILIPPINES IN THE GRADE 12 SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULA  
OF ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, Section 3, Paragraph 1 of the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines mandates all education institutions to include the study of the Constitution as part of the curricula. To fulfil said provision, this bill seeks to integrate education on the Constitution in the senior high school curriculum, particularly in the 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, in all public and private education institutions.

When enacted into law, this bill will empower young Filipinos with the knowledge of the most fundamental law of the land, which defines their rights, duties and values. This allows them to become informed citizens who take active participation in the affairs of the State, and provides them with a deeper appreciation of our democracy.

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



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

1        **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the "*Constitutional Education*  
2 *Act.*"

3        **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** – Article XIV, Section 3(1) of the 1987 Constitution of  
4 the Republic of the Philippines states that all educational institutions shall include the  
5 study of the Constitution as part of the curricula.

6        Moreover, Article XIV, Section 3(2) of the Constitution also states that educational  
7 institutions shall inculcate patriotism and nationalism, foster love of humanity, respect  
8 for human rights, appreciation of the role of national heroes in the historical development  
9 of the country, teach the rights and duties of citizenship, strengthen ethical and spiritual  
10 values, develop moral character and personal discipline, encourage critical and creative  
11 thinking, broaden scientific and technological knowledge, and promote vocational  
12 efficiency. Such topics or areas are connected to education about the Constitution, which  
13 is mandated by the previous paragraph.

14        Thus, it is hereby declared a policy of the State to fulfill the said provision by  
15 integrating education on the Constitution in the senior high school curriculum in all  
16 public and private educational institutions.

1           **SEC. 3. Coverage.** – This Act shall cover the Grade 12 senior high school curricula  
2 of all public and private educational institutions.

3           **SEC. 4. Development of the Constitutional Education Course.** – The Department  
4 of Education (DepEd), with the assistance of concerned government agencies and  
5 constitutional commissions and experts on the Constitution from the academe, shall  
6 develop the Constitutional Education course that will be integrated in the Grade 12  
7 curriculum in all public and private educational institutions. The instruction of this  
8 particular subject matter shall be developed in a way that is suited and responsive to the  
9 capacity of students in Grade 12. The course shall also be constructed in accordance with  
10 the standards and principles in developing the enhanced basic education curriculum  
11 stated in Republic Act No. 10533 or the Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013.

12           **SEC. 5. Constitutional Education Course Objectives.** – The Constitutional Education  
13 course for Grade 12 students shall seek to accomplish the following:

- 14           a) Raise their level of awareness and understanding of the history and provisions  
15           of the 1987 Constitution;
- 16           b) Develop their appreciation and exercise of democratic values, such as  
17           transparency, accountability, and respect for human rights and dignity;
- 18           c) Foster their understanding and practice of active citizenship and people’s  
19           participation in government processes; and
- 20           d) Equip them with the knowledge of the Constitution that they can use in their  
21           analysis and involvement in public issues.

22           **SEC. 6. Constitutional Education Course Framework.** – The Constitutional  
23 Education course in the Grade 12 curriculum will cover topics including, but not limited  
24 to, the following:

- 25           a) History and Overview of the 1987 Constitution
- 26           b) Nationalism and Sovereignty
- 27           c) State Principles and Policies



- 1 d) Government Institutions and Processes
- 2 e) Rights and Duties of Citizens
- 3 f) Democratic Values, Social Justice, and Human Rights
- 4 g) Active Citizenship and People's Participation in Governance
- 5 h) Education, Science and Technology, Arts, Culture, and Sports
- 6 i) Current Issues

7 **SEC. 7. *Constitution Education Training for Teachers.*** – The training of teachers  
8 in carrying out the Constitution Education course shall be incorporated in the teacher  
9 education and training programs mandated by Republic Act No. 10533 or the Enhanced  
10 Basic Education Act of 2013.

11 **SEC. 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – The DepEd, with the assistance of  
12 concerned government agencies and constitutional commissions and experts on the  
13 Constitution from the academe, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to  
14 implement the provisions of the Act within ninety (90) days from the approval of this  
15 Act.

16 **SEC. 9. *Separability Clause.*** – If, for any reason, any part, section, or provision of  
17 this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby  
18 shall continue to be in full force and effect.

19 **SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations,  
20 rules and regulations, and other issuances, or part or parts thereof, which are inconsistent  
21 with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

22 **SEC. 11. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
23 complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general  
24 circulation.

*Approved,*