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Introduced by Senator Francis N. Pangilinan

**A RESOLUTION
CALLING ON THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE
TO URGE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, COMMISSION ON HIGHER
EDUCATION AND THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT A REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9163 ENTITLED "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL
SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM (NSTP) FOR TERTIARY LEVEL STUDENTS,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7077 AND PRESIDENTIAL
DECREE NO. 1706 AND PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1707, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES"**

WHEREAS, the Congress of the Philippines enacted Republic Act No. 9163 entitled "An Act Establishing the National Service Training Program (NSTP) for Tertiary Level Students, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 7077 and Presidential Decree No. 1706, and for other Purposes", which was signed into law on January 23, 2002;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9163 was enacted in recognition of the youth's vital role in nation-building by promoting civic-consciousness and development of physical, moral, spiritual and social well-being through involvement in public and civic affairs;

WHEREAS, pursuant to these goals, Republic Act No. 9163 provides for the establishment of the National Service Training Program which will form part of the curricula of all baccalaureate degree courses and of at least two (2) year technical vocational courses as a requisite for graduation;

WHEREAS, the National Service Training Program (NSTP) is composed of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC), which is made optional and voluntary upon effectivity of the law, Literacy Training Service and Civic Welfare Training Service;

WHEREAS, the Literacy Training Service is designed to train students to become teachers of literacy and numeracy skills to school children, out of school youth and other segments of society in need of service, while the Civic Welfare Service Training Service refers to programs aim to contribute to the general welfare and betterment of life for the members of the community particularly devoted to the improvement of health, education, environment, entrepreneurship, safety, recreation and moral of the citizenry;

WHEREAS, the government is ever in need of volunteers who can assist it fulfilling its obligation to provide basic social services to its constituents;

WHEREAS, the law if, effectively implemented, offers a wide range of opportunities or venues where students can manifest critical social consciousness by being of service to society, whether it be for the improvement of health, education, public safety, recreation, morale of citizenry, protection of the environment and promotion of entrepreneurship or through educational instruction to school children or out-of-school-youth, especially to the impoverished and marginalized sectors;

WHEREAS, more than two (2) years have lapsed since the implementation of the NSTP for school year 2002-2003;

WHEREAS, it is imperative to verify the status of the implementation of the NSTP to see if it is conducted in consonance with the objectives of Republic Act No. 9123;

WHEREAS, the Department of National Defense, Commission on Higher Education and Technical Education and Skills Development Authority are the government agencies mandated by law to oversee and monitor the implementation of the NSTP under their jurisdiction and to whom periodic reports are required to be submitted by educational institutions;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture urge the Department of National Defense, Commission on Higher Education and Technical Education and Skills Development Authority to submit a report on the status of the implementation of the National Service Training Program since its supposed implementation for school year 2002-2003.

Adopted,


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