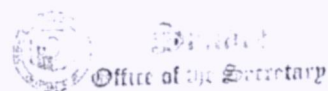


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**PURPOSE**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 4(1), Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution mandates the State to exercise reasonable supervision and regulation of all educational institutions. Included in this mandate is the State's responsibility to ensure a safe and secure environment for students to pursue their studies within these institutions without any fear for their physical well-being.

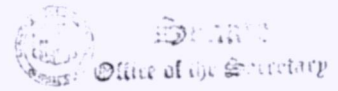
There has been a steady increase in the crime rate in campuses all over the country. Thus, it is necessary for students, their parents and/or their guardians to have access to information with regard to campus crime statistics, as well as crime prevention plans in these campuses to equip them in making an informed choice as to which school to go to or send their children.

At the same time, students currently enrolled in their respective campuses need to know the measures undertaken by their institution, as well as courses of action in cases of emergency to guarantee security and expedient assistance, if need be. To formulate such policies and strategies applicable for each campus, the bill provides for an establishment of a Safety and Security Committee in every higher education institution and technical-vocational institution.

In view of the foregoing, early and immediate passage 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:*

- 1           Section 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the "Campus Safety and  
2 *Security Act.*"
- 3           Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policies.* – It is the declared responsibility of the State  
4 under the Constitution to promote and protect the physical, moral and spiritual  
5 intellectual and well-being of the youth. The State shall ensure the safety and  
6 security of the academic community, majority of whom are students, in all  
7 institutions of higher and technical education in the country.
- 8           Sec. 3. *Scope.* – This Act shall apply to all higher education institutions (HEIs)  
9 and technical-vocational institutions (TVIs).
- 10          Sec. 4. *Safety and Security Services.* – All HEIs and TVIs shall endeavor to  
11 deliver adequate safety and security services to students, which include the  
12 provision of safe and secure environment and the conduct of programs and activities  
13 that promote safety and security from both internal and external threats.



1 For this purpose, the following shall be provided by HEIs and TVIs:

2 a) A safe, accessible and secure environment, buildings and facilities that shall  
3 comply with government standards. Licensed and competent security  
4 personnel shall ensure the safety and security of the students, faculty, non-  
5 teaching personnel and other members of the academic community and their  
6 belongings; and

7 b) An established mechanism for students to help in crime prevention, safety  
8 and security of the concerned HEI and TVI.

9 Sec. 5. *Creation of a Safety and Security Committee.* – A Safety and Security  
10 Committee (SSC) shall be established in every HEI and TVI to formulate policies and  
11 strategies that shall help protect the academic community from both internal and  
12 external threats to their safety and security, such as theft, robbery, rape and other  
13 forms of violence within and outside the area where the HEI or TVI is located. The  
14 composition of the SSC shall be determined by the respective governing boards of  
15 the HEIs, and the owners/proprietors/administrators of TVIs, as the case may be.

16 Sec. 6. *Duties and Responsibilities of the SSC.* – The SSC shall have the  
17 following duties and responsibilities:

18 a) To formulate, in consultation, with the School Head, the Chief of Police  
19 where the HEI or TVI is located, the *Punong Barangay*, and other security specialists  
20 as may be necessary and appropriate, a Safety and Security Strategy. Such Safety  
21 and Security Prevention Strategy shall include the following:

- 22 1. A statement of current campus policies regarding procedures and  
23 facilities to be used by students and others to report criminal actions or  
24 other emergencies occurring on campus and those concerning the  
25 institution's response to such reports;
- 26 2. A statement of current policies concerning security and access to  
27 campus facilities, including campus residences, and security  
28 considerations used in the maintenance of campus facilities;
- 29 3. A statement of current policies concerning campus law enforcement  
30 including the following:

- 1                   i) The enforcement authority of security personnel, including their  
2                   working relationship with national and local police agencies, and  
3                   ii) Policies which encourage accurate and prompt reporting of all  
4                   crimes to the campus police and the appropriate police agencies;
- 5           4. A description of the type and frequency of programs designed to  
6           inform students and employees about campus security procedures and  
7           practices and to encourage students and employees to be responsible  
8           for their own security and security of others;
- 9           5. A description of programs designed to inform students and employees  
10           about the prevention of crimes;
- 11           6. A statement of policy concerning the monitoring and recording through  
12           local police agencies of criminal activities committed by off-campus  
13           student organizations which are recognized by the institution and that  
14           are engaged in by students attending the institution, including those  
15           student organizations with off-campus housing facilities; and
- 16           7. A statement of policy regarding the possession, use, and sale of  
17           alcoholic beverages and enforcement of laws against underage  
18           drinking; a statement of policy against the possession, use and sale of  
19           illegal drugs; the enforcement of drug laws; and a description of any  
20           drug or alcohol abuse education programs;
- 21           b) To formulate crime prevention programs for the implementation of the  
22           SSC;
- 23           c) To coordinate with HEI/TVI administrators or deans, or other officials as  
24           the case may be, in the maintenance of peace and order within the HEI/TVI  
25           premises;
- 26           d) To recommend to the HEI/TVI the conduct of seminars or trainings on  
27           crime and drug prevention and control in coordination with the National Police  
28           Commission (NAPOLCOM) regional office, local police station or Department of the  
29           Interior and Local Government (DILG);
- 30           e) To conduct intensive information drive on the Safety and Security Strategy  
31           which includes the semestral distribution of copies and orientation thereon; and



1 f) To submit to Commission on Higher Education (CHED) or to the Technical  
2 Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), through their respective  
3 regional offices, the composition of SSC and the Safety and Security Strategy, as  
4 well as its program of activities and projects for the academic year two (2) months  
5 after the closing of enrolment in the first semester and accomplishment report within  
6 two (2) months after finishing the second semester or trimester of the academic  
7 year.

8 *Sec. 7. Approval and Review of the Safety and Security Strategy.* – The Safety  
9 and Security Strategy, after approval of the Board of Trustees/Regents of the HEIs  
10 or the owners/proprietors/administrators of the TVIs, shall be submitted to the  
11 CHED or TESDA and shall be subject to its review. If found unsatisfactory by the  
12 CHED or TESDA, taking into consideration the circumstances of each HEI/TVI, it  
13 shall be returned to the Board or the owners/proprietors/administrators for  
14 appropriate action: *Provided*, That pending its review, the Plan shall be implemented  
15 by the HEI/TVI concerned.

16 The Safety and Security Strategy shall be subject to review or reassessment  
17 by the Board or the owners/proprietors/administrators, as the case may be, either  
18 annually or as often as required by circumstances.

19 *Sec. 8. Duties of the CHED Regional Offices and the TESDA Regional Offices.*  
20 – The CHED Regional Offices and the TESDA Regional Offices shall coordinate,  
21 supervise and monitor the implementation of the Safety and Security Strategy, as  
22 approved, and projects of SSCs, jointly with the National Police Commission  
23 (NAPOLCOM) in the region.

24 The CHED and TESDA shall consolidate regional accomplishment reports as  
25 required under Section 6 hereof, and shall submit them to the Office of the CHED  
26 Chairperson and the Office of the TESDA Director-General, respectively.

27 *Sec. 9. Administrative Sanctions.* – Any HEI or its Board of Trustees or  
28 Regents or any TVI or its owners/proprietors/administrators, and other  
29 officers/persons responsible for the failure to comply with the provisions of this Act  
30 shall be subject to administrative sanctions to be imposed by the CHED and the  
31 TESDA, respectively.

1           Sec. 10. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90) days upon  
2 the effectivity of this Act, the CHED and TESDA, in coordination with the Department  
3 of Education (DepEd), Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges  
4 (PASUC), the Coordinating Council of Private Educational Associations (COCOPEA),  
5 and the Association of Local Colleges and Universities (ALCU), shall issue the  
6 necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

7           Sec. 11. *Separability Clause.* – If any portion or provision of this Act is  
8 subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are  
9 not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

10          Sec. 12. *Repealing Clause.* – All other laws, acts, presidential decrees,  
11 executive orders, presidential proclamations, issuances, rules and regulations, or  
12 parts thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this  
13 Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

14          Sec. 13. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
15 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,