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EXPLANATORY NOTE

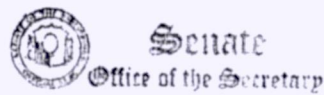
One of the trends that go hand in hand with the phenomenon of globalization is the promotion of the use of information technology in various fields such as business, media, communication and education. With information technology, learning is no longer restricted within the four walls of the classroom, nor is it limited to the use of books and magazines.

Republic Act No. 7743 was enacted specifically to put up libraries and/or reading centers in every city, municipality and barangay in order to boost the literacy rate of our citizenry. A number of years have passed already but the intent of the law has yet to be fully implemented.

However, there is a need to upgrade our learning system such that every learning and reading center will employ the latest computer and electronic library technology in order to best serve our fellowmen.

In view of the foregoing considerations, early 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. Section 2 of Republic Act No. 7743 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:
3 "Sec. 2. *Establishment of Public Libraries and Reading Centers.* – The
4 National Library in coordination with the Department of the Interior and
5 Local Government (DILG) shall undertake the establishment of additional
6 public libraries to serve all congressional districts, cities and municipalities
7 in the Philippines and reading centers in every barangay except in cities or
8 municipalities where there are existing public libraries or in barangays
9 where there are existing public libraries or in barangays where there are
10 existing reading centers: *Provided, That the* [~~establishment of such~~
11 ~~libraries and reading centers shall be based on the development program~~
12 ~~of the National Library~~] **ESTABLISHMENT PROGRAM OF THE**
13 **NATIONAL LIBRARY SHALL BE BASED ON THE LATEST**
14 **COMPUTER AND ELECTRONIC LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY,** in
15 coordination with the development council of each city or municipality and
16 in the case of the barangay reading centers, in coordination with the

1 respective barangay councils: *Provided, further,* That where these public
2 libraries and reading centers already exist, the National Library shall
3 continue to upgrade the facilities thereof **WITH COMPLETE STANDARD**
4 **SETS OF BOOKS, E-BOOKS, ONLINE RESEARCH RESOURCES AND**
5 **OTHER MATERIALS AS PROVIDED UNDER SEC. 3 OF THIS ACT AS**
6 **WELL AS THE LATEST ELECTRONIC LIBRARY SYSTEM USING**
7 **COMPUTERS FOR STORING, CATALOGING, AND FILING OF DATA**
8 **AND MATERIALS: PROVIDED, FINALLY, THAT BY THE YEAR 2022,**
9 **ALL THE CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES OF THE PHILIPPINES**
10 **WILL BE PROVIDED WITH ELECTRONICALLY-OPERATED**
11 **LIBRARY SYSTEM."**

12 Sec. 2. Section 7 of Republic Act No. 7743 is hereby amended to read as
13 follows:

14 "Sec. 7. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to carry out the
15 provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations
16 Act of the year following its enactment into law [~~and for the next five~~
17 ~~(5) years: thereafter this local government units shall undertake the~~
18 ~~maintenance of public libraries and reading centers while the National~~
19 ~~Library shall continue to provide reading materials and supplies to the~~
20 ~~said libraries and reading centers]~~. **IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FUNDS**
21 **NECESSARY FOR THE ELECTRONIC LIBRARY SYSTEM TO BE**
22 **IMPLEMENTED, THE BUDGET OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY**
23 **SHALL BE INCREASED IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED**
24 **MILLION PESOS (P500,000,000.00) PER YEAR UNTIL ALL**
25 **CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES IN THE PHILIPPINES ARE**
26 **PROVIDED AND HAVE ACCESS TO FULL ELECTRONIC LIBRARY**
27 **FACILITIES."**

28 Sec. 3. *Role of the Department of Information and Communications*
29 *Technology (DICT).* – The Department of Information and Communications
30 Technology (DICT) shall assist in the provision of the cutting-edge computer and
31 electronic library technology, as well as a fast and reliable internet connection,

1 through the Department's flagship program, the Technology for Education,
2 Employment, Entrepreneurs, and Economic Development (Tech4ED) Project.

3 Sec. 4. *Separability Clause.* – If any portion or provision of this Act is
4 subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are
5 not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

6 Sec. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All other laws, acts, presidential decrees,
7 executive orders, presidential proclamations, issuances, rules and regulations, or
8 parts thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this
9 Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

10 Sec. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
11 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,