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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In 2019, the Office of the Undersecretary for Planning Service and Field Operations Jesus Mateo reported that there are twenty-two million students in public schools for SY 2019-2020. With this huge number of youth who shall become the front liners of the next generation, the government should strengthen its efforts in the promotion and protection of their health. Educational institutions should take part in healthcare development by improving school health and providing adequate health services in all public schools.

In addition, the 1987 Constitution states that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. With this, it is appropriate to improve the accessibility to health services of the future of our country.

This bill seeks for the establishment of permanent clinics in public schools throughout the country.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this measure 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 referred to as the “Mandatory School Clinic Act of
2 2020”.

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4 **Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to
5 health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.

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7 **Sec. 3. Establishment of Clinics.** – Every public school shall be required to establish a
8 permanent clinic inside the school grounds.

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10 **Sec. 4. On-the-spot Inspection and Monitoring.** – The provincial or city officer of the
11 Department of Education (DepEd) and the Department of Health (DOH) shall create a
12 monitoring team that shall conduct on-the-spot inspections and monitoring of public school
13 clinics to determine if they are established in accordance with the required guidelines, policies,
14 and criteria.

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16 **Sec. 5. Implementing Agency.** - The Department of Education and the Department of Health
17 shall create the implementing rules, specifications, criteria, and details for the mandatory
18 establishment of clinics in school premises.

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1 **Sec. 6. Appropriations.** – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall
2 be included in the General Appropriations Act.

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4 **Sec. 7. Separability Clause.** – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared
5 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provisions not affected thereby shall remain
6 in force and effect.

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8 **Sec. 8. Effectivity Clause.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication.

Approved,