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**EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION TO AVOID INVOLVEMENT WITH ILLEGAL**  
**DRUGS**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Drug abuse is a social problem that persists despite the stiff penal sanctions provided by our criminal laws. This bill seeks to provide measures to prevent drug abuse by educating the youth and those tasked to look after their welfare by requiring all educational institutions to establish and maintain a program of education designed to help all members of an educational institution to avoid involvement with illegal drugs. Under this bill, educational institutions are also required to maintain drug counseling and rehabilitation services which shall be made available to all its students and employees.

In view of the foregoing, the 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 "Drug Abuse Prevention  
2 Program in Educational Institutions Act."  
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4 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* It is the policy of the State to promote the health and  
5 well-being of the people and the rearing of the youth for nation-building. To this  
6 end, it is necessary to provide a program of education on the detrimental effects  
7 of the use of illegal drugs designed to help all members of the community of an  
8 educational institution and avoid involvement with illegal drugs.  
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10 Sec. 3. *Education, Counseling, and Rehabilitation.* All universities, colleges, and  
11 schools providing, at least, elementary school and high school education  
12 (hereinafter "*educational institutions*") shall establish and maintain a program of  
13 education designed to help all members of its community to avoid involvement  
14 with illegal drugs. The educational program shall emphasize the following subjects:  
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16 a. The incompatibility of the use or sale of illegal drugs with the goals of  
17 the institutions;  
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19 b. The legal consequences of involvement with illegal drugs;  
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21 c. The medical implications of the use of illegal drugs; and  
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1 d. The ways in which illegal drugs jeopardize an individual's present  
2 accomplishments and future opportunities.  
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4 Educational institutions shall establish drug counseling and rehabilitation services  
5 which shall be available to all members of the community through campus-based  
6 programs and community-based organizations. Persons who voluntarily avail  
7 themselves of these services shall be assured that applicable professional  
8 standards of confidentiality shall be observed.  
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10 *Sec. 4. Implementing and Reporting.* All educational institutions shall submit to the  
11 Secretary of Education, hereinafter "*Secretary*", not later than March 1 of every  
12 year, a report on campus activities related to illegal drugs for the preceding year.  
13 The reports shall include, as a minimum, the following:

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- 15 a. A listing of the major educational activities concerning illegal drugs  
16 conducted during the year;
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  - 18 b. A report on any illegal drug-related incidents, including any sanctions  
19 imposed;
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  - 21 c. An assessment of the effectiveness of the campus program; and  
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  - 23 d. Any proposed changes in the policy on illegal drugs.  
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25 *Sec. 5. Model Program Prepared by the Secretary.* The Secretary shall prepare a  
26 model program of the program required under Section 3 which shall be distributed  
27 to all educational institutions. This program shall serve as the minimum compliance  
28 requirement with this Act.  
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30 *Sec. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations.* The Secretary shall promulgate the  
31 rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Act which shall  
32 include the appropriate sanctions for non-compliance with this Act. The said rules  
33 and regulations shall be promulgated not later than one hundred eighty (180) days  
34 after the effectivity of this Act. All educational institutions shall comply with this  
35 Act not later than one (1) year after the promulgation of the said implementing  
36 rules and regulations.  
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38 *Sec. 7. Separability Clause.* If any provision or part thereof is held invalid or  
39 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected  
40 shall remain valid and subsisting.  
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42 *Sec. 8. Repealing Clause.* Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive  
43 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule, or regulation contrary to or

1 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or  
2 amended accordingly.

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4 Sec. 9. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
5 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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7 *Approved,*