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SENATE

Senate Bill No. 194

Introduced by: Senator Lacson

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The propose bill puts into implementation the basic law of the land, thus:

"The state shall establish, maintain and support a complete, adequate and integrated system of education relevant to the people and society." (Sec. 2 [1], Art. XIV, 1987 Constitution).

In this era of advanced science and technology, more and more countries rely on the facility of computer technology in their respective developmental pursuits. Computer literacy/knowledge has now evolved from a matter of fad to absolute necessity in the real world.

In every profession or business centers, demands for computer-proficient personnel have been increasing in tremendous proportions. Considering these changing times towards the advancement of science and technology, there is an imperative need for us to meet and adapt to these demands.

Now, more than ever, is the time to train our children the technology of the future. We must prepare them for the vicious battle for survival in the next decades to come by providing them a legacy of a stable educational foundation lest we deem to be oblivious and unconcerned on the future of our children, the leaders of tomorrow. The mandatory instruction of computer in the elementary and secondary level of education is the first step toward this direction.

Considering the foregoing reasons, the passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

ANFILO M. LACSON

Senator





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AN ACT

TO INCLUDE THE TEACHING OF COMPUTER AS PART OF THE ELEMETARY AND HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULA, BOTH IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress Assembled:

SECTION 1. The teaching of computer is hereby made compulsory and shall be included as an additional subject for all students in elementary and high school both in public and private schools.

- **SEC. 2.** The Department of Education shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.
 - **SEC. 3.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,