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P.S. Res. No. 931

Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11648, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS, AN ACT INCREASING THE AGE FOR DETERMINING THE COMMISSION OF STATUTORY RAPE

1 **WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 11648 (RA 11648) was signed into law on March 04,
2 2022 to provide stronger protection for children against sexual abuse by increasing the
3 age, from 12 years to 16 years, for determining the commission of statutory rape and
4 other acts of sexual abuse and exploitation;

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6 **WHEREAS**, under Section 4 of RA 11648, the public and private institutions
7 engaged in the education, training, and care of children shall ensure that their curriculum
8 for continuing staff development include plans and learning sessions on the scope of their
9 duties and responsibilities in identifying, responding to and reporting rape and other
10 sexual offenses;

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12 **WHEREAS**, the law also provides that the Department of Education (DepEd) shall
13 include in the basic education curriculum and teach age-appropriate subject concerning
14 the rights and protection of children in relation to this law;

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16 **WHEREAS**, in the hearing conducted by the Senate Committee on Basic Education
17 on February 14, 2024, teenage pregnancy has been identified as one of the significant
18 challenges confronted by the 2022 Program for International Student Assessment (PISA)
19 results;

1 **WHEREAS**, during the hearing the DepEd has stated that while the department
2 lacks a specific mechanism for monitoring such cases, it is addressing the issue by
3 reaching out to affected learners and their parents;
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5 **WHEREAS**, according to the 2022 National Demographic and Health Survey of
6 the Philippine Statistics Authority, teenage pregnancy among Filipino women aged 15 to
7 19 years declined from 8.6 percent in 2017 to 5.4 percent in 2022;
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9 **WHEREAS**, based on the same survey, in terms of educational attainment,
10 teenage pregnancy was most common among women aged 15 to 19 years with primary
11 education or with completed grade levels 1 to 6 (19.1%). Percentage of teenage
12 pregnancy decreases as educational attainment increases, that is, 5.3 percent among
13 those who completed grade levels 7 to 10, 4.8 percent among those with completed
14 grade levels 11 to 12, and 1.9 percent for those who attained college level;
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16 **WHEREAS**, given the foregoing, it is imperative for the government to assess and
17 review the implementation of RA 11648 to ensure its effective implementation, guarantee
18 the compliance of concerned government agencies and stakeholders, and provide
19 protection to children against all forms of sexual abuse and exploitation;
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21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that
22 the Sepnate of the Philippines direct the appropriate committee to conduct an inquiry, in
23 aid of legislation, on the status of the implementation of Republic Act No. 11648,
24 otherwise known as, an Act Increasing the Age for Determining the Commission of
25 Statutory Rape.

Adopted,


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