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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article XIV, Section 4 (1), mandates the State to exercise reasonable supervision and regulation of all educational institutions. The crime incidence in campuses has steadily risen. There is a need to inform the parents and guardian, as well as their children and wards, about crimes that happened in a particular educational institution and about its security policies and procedures.


The bill aims to provide a safe and healthy environment for students by requiring educational institutions:

1. To develop security policies and procedures;
2. To report crimes on campuses; and
3. To develop policies and procedures to address violent crimes on college campuses.


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**AN ACT
TO PROMOTE CRIME AWARENESS AND SECURITY IN CAMPUSES**

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. This act shall be known as the "Campus Security Act."

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. It shall be the policy of the State to provide a safe and healthy environment for students requiring educational institutions to disclose crime statistics that occur within campus and its security policies and procedures.

SECTION 3. Definition.

A. The term "Campus" includes

1. Any building or property owned or controlled by an institution of higher education with the same reasonably contiguous geographic area and used by the institution in direct support of, or related to its educational purposes; or

2. Any building or property owned or controlled by student organizations recognized by the institution.

In cases where branch campuses of an institution of higher education, schools within an institution are not a reasonably contiguous geographic area, such entities shall be considered separate campuses for purposes of the reporting requirements of this Act.

B. The term "Secretary" refers to the Secretary of Education and Culture.

SECTION 4. Disclosure of Campuses Security Policy and Campuses Crime Statistics.

A. Disclosure requirements.

1. Upon effectivity of this Act, each eligible campus shall begin to collect the following information with respect to campus crime statistics and campus security policies and each year thereafter, prepare, publish, and distribute, through appropriate publications or mailings, to all current students and employees, and to any applicant for enrollment or employment upon request, an annual security report containing at least the following information with respect to the campus security policies and campus crime statistics of that institution;

a) A statement of current campus policies regarding procedures and facilities for students and other to report criminal actions or other emergencies occurring on campus and policies concerning the institution's response to such reports.

b) A statement of current policies concerning security and access to campus facilities, including campus residences, and security considerations used in the maintenance of campus facilities.

c) A statement of current policies concerning campus law enforcement including;

- (i) the enforcement authority of security personnel, including their working relationship with national and local police agencies, and
- (ii) policies which encourage accurate and prompt reporting of all crimes to the campus police and the appropriate police agencies.

d) A description of the type and frequency of programs designed to inform students and employees about campus security procedures and practices and to encourage students and employees to be responsible for their own security and security of others.

e) A description of programs designed to inform students and employees about the prevention of crimes.

f) Statistics concerning the occurrence on campus, during the most recent school year, and during the 2 proceeding school years for which data are available,

including, but not limited to the following criminal offenses reported to campus security authorities or local police agencies.

- (i) murder;
- (ii) rape;
- (iii) robbery;
- (iv) aggravated assault;
- (v) sexual harassment; and
- (vi) motor vehicle theft

g) Statement of policy concerning the monitoring and recoding through local police agencies of criminal activity at off-campus student organizations which are recognized by the institution and that are engaged in by students attending the institution, including those student organizations with off-campus housing facilities.

h) Statistics concerning the number of arrests for the following crimes occurring on campus.

- (i) Liquor law violations;
- (ii) Drug abuse violations; and
- (iii) Weapons possessions.

i) A statement of policy regarding the possession, use, and sale of alcoholic beverages and enforcement of underage drinking laws and a statement of policy regarding the possession, use, and sale of illegal drugs and enforcement of drug laws and a description of any drug or alcohol abuse education programs.

Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to authorize the Secretary to require particular policies, procedures, or practices by institutions of higher education with respect to campus or campus security.

Each institution participating in any program under this title shall make timely reports to the campus community on crimes considered to be a threat to other students and employees described in paragraph (1)(f) that are reported to campus security or

local law police agencies. Such reports shall be provided to students and employees in a manner that is timely and that will aid in the prevention of similar occurrences.

Upon the request of the Secretary, each institution participating in any program under this title shall submit to the Secretary a copy of the statistics requires to be made available under paragraphs (1)(f) and (1)(h). The Secretary shall

(i) review such statistics and report to the Committee on Education of the House of Representatives and Senate on campus crime statistics; and

(ii) in coordination with representatives of institutions of higher education, identify exemplary campus security policies, procedures, and practices and disseminate information concerning those policies, procedures, and practices that have proven effective in the reduction of campus crime.

SECTION 5. Disclosure of Disciplinary Proceeding Outcomes to Crime Victims. No institution of post secondary education shall prohibit from disclosing, to an alleged victim of any crime of violence, the results of any disciplinary proceeding conducted by such institution against the alleged perpetrator of such crime with respect to such crime.

SECTION 6. Separability Clause. If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 7. Repealing Clause. - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SECTION 8. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,