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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The proposed bill puts into implementation the basic law of the land, thus that the State shall "establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the people and society." (Sec. 2 [I], Art XIV, 1987 Constitution).

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

In every profession or business center, 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 towards the demands 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 is the first step toward this direction.

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

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

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

- **SECTION 1.** The teaching of computer subjects is hereby mandatorily included as an additional subject for all students in elementary and high school both in public and private schools.
- **SECTION 2.** The Department of Education shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.
- **SECTION 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,