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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State shall establish and maintain a system of free public education in the elementary and high school levels. Without limiting the natural rights of parents to rear their children, elementary education is compulsory for children of school age (Article XIV, Section 2 (2) of 1987 Constitution).

This bill seeks to prohibit the sales of tickets or collection of contributions from teachers and students. It's about time that the Department of Education (DepEd) put its foot down regarding unauthorized solicitation or contribution in schools. Public schools are not allowed to collect any fees prior to enrolment, various collection are being made as a requirements for enrolment.

Over the years, the notorious practice of school administrators and faculties collecting various miscellaneous fees become rampant. Parents and students are left with no choice most of the time because of the fear that they are at the mercy of such scrupulous individuals.

“Such notorious practices of unauthorized collections and forced contributions as prerequisite to enrollment are in conflict with the constitutions guarantee of quality education for all students.”

Hence, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
TO PROHIBIT THE SALES OF TICKETS, COLLECTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM TEACHERS AND STUDENTS, SOLICITATION IN ANY FORM, AND/OR SIMILAR FUND-RAISING ACTIVITY IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. The sale of tickets and collection of contributions and/or solicitation in any form by any person or persons, whether voluntary or otherwise, from teachers and students in public elementary and secondary schools at any time of the school year are prohibited: *Provided*, That this prohibition shall not cover voluntary fees in the Red Cross, Girl Scouts of the Philippines and Boy Scouts of the Philippines, membership fees and annual dues of members of Parents-Teachers Association (PTA), as well as voluntary contributions for projects of the PTA for the benefits of the school and projects of the student organizations: *Provided, further*, That the officers of the Parents-Teachers Association, other than teachers, will undertake the collection of membership fees, annual dues and voluntary contributions for the funding of special projects for the improvement of the school from parents.

SECTION. 2. The practice of asking or requiring teachers, school officials and students to go around and solicit donations of any form other than those mentioned in Section 1 hereof is likewise prohibited.

SECTION. 3. Any person who violates the provisions of this Act shall be punished by a fine of not less than Three thousand pesos (P 3,000.00) nor more than Six thousand pesos (P6, 000.000) or imprisonment of not less than three (3) months nor more than six (6) months, or both. If the offender is a public official, an additional of suspension for three (3) months shall be imposed.

SECTION. 4. Any ordinary taxpayer may file a case against any person who violates Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION. 5. The Secretary of the Department of Education shall issue the necessary guidelines to implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION. 6. All laws, decrees, executive orders, and other issuances inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,