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EXPLANATORY NOTE


This bill seeks to encourage further the active participation of parents and teachers in the total development of students as they go thru elementary and high school education. This may be done by institutionalizing more definitively the Parents - Teachers Associations.

It is the proper concern of the State to extend guardianship over the children from the comforts of home to the bigger community, which is the school. And, this time, it will not only be parental guardianship that will help mould the virtues and good character in the young, but also the guardianship by teachers over them, thru a common organization - the Parents - Teachers Association.

Present times dictate the need for a more cooperative interaction among parents and teachers, especially since there have been nagging reports regarding the deterioration in the quality of education, which must be arrested, and for which parental and tutorial consultation becomes immediately relevant; and, because of the drug menace that has alarmingly affected school children as nearly as their grade school days.

This bill, once it becomes a law, will certainly strengthen existing laws on Parents - Teachers Associations, and would give more meaning to constitutional propositions on State protection and strengthening of the family, the youth, and even non-governmental organizations.

Passage of this bill is therefore earnestly requested.


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- (c) There shall be a PTA Federation in every city, municipality or province composed of the different school PTAs within a city, municipality or province: *Provided*, That the Provincial PTA Federation shall exclude City School PTAs;
- (d) There shall be a PTA Federation in every region, including any autonomous region created by law composed of provincial and city PTA federations within the region;
- (e) There shall be a National PTA Federation composed of the City, provincial and regional PTA federations.

SECTION 3. In all matters affecting or relevant to the formulation of the total education or school programs, educational policies, enforcement of juvenile delinquency, including anti-drug abuse measures, and in the implementation of programs, projects, and activities to promote child and youth welfare, the appropriate national, regional, provincial, city, municipal, and other local officials/authorities, as well as the proper education and school officials concerned, shall as often as may be necessary, consult with the PTAs concerned and judiciously consider the latter's views, opinions and positions, and accord due course to their recommendations.

The PTAs herein referred to shall have the power to assess dues from the members and engage in any lawful fund raising activities to enable them to finance their plans and projects.

SECTION 4. The national, regional, provincial, municipal government or other local government units, as well as the public or private elementary or high schools, shall make the school or government facilities available for use by the PTAs in the conduct of their activities, which shall as much as possible be for free: *Provided*, That should there be expenses for the use aforementioned, the same shall cover only the cost for operating the facilities.

The officials of the national, regional, provincial, city, municipal governments or other government units and elementary or high schools, shall extend the necessary assistance to the PTAs within their jurisdiction.

SECTION 5. The regional, provincial, city, municipal governments or other government units shall appropriate the funds necessary to assist the operations and activities of the PTAs, upon consultation with the proper PTAs, school authorities, and after public hearing.

SECTION 6. The Secretary of Education shall, in consultation with the National PTA Federation, and after public hearing, promulgate such rules and regulations which are necessary to implement this Act.

SECTION 7. In the event any provision of this Act or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance is declared invalid, the remainder of this Act or the application of said provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected by such declaration.

SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier. Other persons or circumstances shall not be affected by such declaration.

Approved,