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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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RESOLUTION  
DIRECTING AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROLIFERATION  
OF PRE-SCHOOLS WITHOUT PERMITS

WHEREAS, studies show that the critical years in a child's life are from birth to six years of age; this is the reason why the government encourages the establishment of pre-schools, both public and private;

WHEREAS, according to Eleazardo Kasilag, head of the Federation of Associations of Private School Administrators (FAPSA), private schools operating without a permit from the Department of Education (DepEd) are proliferating in the country;

WHEREAS, Kasilag said that many of these schools are pre-schools which may be giving substandard education because they are not being checked by the DepEd;

WHEREAS, some of the graduates and transferees from these schools have not been accepted into the next grade levels because their curriculums are not valid;

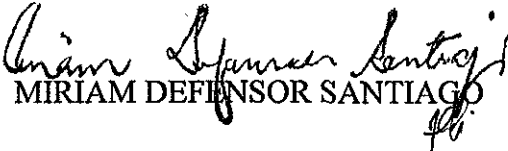
WHEREAS, most of these illegal schools operate out of backyards or garages of private residences;

WHEREAS, the DepEd, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), and the FAPSA must coordinate their efforts in going after these illegal schools;

WHEREAS, the local government units should be more proactive in the crackdown on illegal schools since they have the jurisdiction and the power to close down these erring schools; now be it

RESOLVED, that the proper Senate Committee shall conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the proliferation of pre-schools without permits.

Adopted,

  
MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO