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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 14, Section 1, provides:

The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to equity education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.

The government's investment in a high quality education system is necessary not only for the future of our children and our families, but also for the future of the country. An educated citizenry and workforce are essential to compete in the global strong democracy.

In order to promote prosperity and ensure individual opportunity, the government must make education a national priority. Strong leadership in education is needed more than ever.

This bill seeks to provide grants to public educational institutions, in order to allow such institutions to promote certain educational initiatives that will enhance the quality of our public educational system.


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1 (4) STANDARDIZED TESTING PROGRAM – A locally developed
2 standardized testing program to ensure that students are achieving at a high level.

3 (5) CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT PANELS – Curriculum
4 development panels composed of teachers and parents to ensure that students
5 learn the skills necessary to succeed.

6 (6) INCREASED TEACHING STANDARDS – A program to improve or
7 increase the standards for teachers to ensure teachers have the skills necessary to
8 assist students effectively.

9 (7) TEACHING EXCELLENCE – A program to ensure that the most
10 qualified teachers are hired, including teachers with experience in the workplace.

11 SECTION 4. *Allocation of Funds.* – A public educational institution that meets
12 the eligibility criteria described in Section 3 shall receive, subject to the availability of
13 appropriations, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act. An
14 institution that receives a grant award under this Act may use not more than five percent
15 (5%) of such award for administrative expenses.

16 SECTION 5. *Accountability.* – Each public educational institution that receives a
17 grant award under this Act shall submit a report annually to the Secretary that evaluates
18 the effectiveness of the initiatives described under Section 3 and any change in parental
19 involvement as a result of such programs.

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

23 SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,
24 executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to
25 or is inconsistent with, the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or
26 amended accordingly.

1 SECTION 8. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) of its
2 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

3 Approved,