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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 2 3 4	AN ACT PROVIDING GRANTS TO PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN ORDER TO ALLOW SUCH INSTITUTIONS TO PROMOTE CERTAIN EDUCATION INITIATIVES
5 6	Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:
7	SECTION 1. Short Title This Act shall be known as the "Education Initiatives
8	Act of 2008."
9	SECTION 2. Program Authorized The Secretary of Education, referred to in
10	this Act as the Secretary, is authorized to award grants to public educational institutions
11	to institutions to promote the education initiatives described in Section 3.
12	SECTION 3. Eligibility
13	(A) APPLICATION - A public educational institution that desires to receive a
14	grant under this Act shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time and in such
15	form as the Secretary may reasonably require.
16.	(B) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA – To be eligible to receive a grant under this Act, a
17	public educational institution shall demonstrate that such a school has developed each of
18	the following initiatives:
19	(1) CHARTER SCHOOL - A charter school program to allow parents
20	greater choice in selecting the appropriate educational setting for their child.
21	(2) EARLY READING PROGRAMS – An elementary reading program
22	to ensure that all students can read by the third grade.
23	(3) SAFE AND DRUG-FREE ENVIRONMENT – A program to provide

a safe and drug-free environment at school.

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

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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.

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- 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,