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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Since the 1970s, a bilingual Education Policy has been in force with English as the medium of instruction in science and mathematics subjects and Filipino as the medium of instruction for all other subjects. Also, teaching science and mathematics in English is considered as a response to the need to "avail of the advantage of scientific, commercial and cultural links of an international language and the need to further develop the national language as an instrument of national unity and integration." Note that the revised Bilingual Education Policy of 1987 provided for the maintenance of English as an international language of the Philippines and the further enhancement of the use of English and Filipino in the educational system.

The report of the Presidential Commission to Survey Philippine Education supports the above allegation.

It is high time we re-examine as well as re-assess the Filipino language in functional library in order to strengthen the learning process inside the classroom.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA  
Senator



**SEC. 7.** The Department of Education shall promulgate such rules and regulations to carry out effectively the provisions of this Act.

**SEC. 8.** All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts hereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SEC. 9.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

*Approved,*