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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The population problem is a very sensitive and controversial issue in our country. Whenever we speak of the problem of over population, we cannot avoid speaking about population control. And it is in this area where this problem becomes sensitive and controversial because of the stand of our catholic church against population control thru artificial means, e.g., birth control pills, condoms, etc.

Likewise, there is controversy as to whether population really causes poverty.

It must be conceded that poverty is the most serious socio-economic problem that we face today.

If that is the case, we should all try to fight poverty. In other words, everybody, i.e., the government, the private sector, the citizenry specially the youth, should contribute to the upliftment of the quality of life of our people.

But to be able to successfully attain this objective, everybody should be educated as to all the aspects and the ramifications of population vis-à-vis the development and upliftment of our people's quality of life. And we can begin education formally and more effectively in schools.

Population is a very broad subject indeed. Suffice it to say, with the fast deteriorating environment and rapid population growth in the country, it is but only timely to instill in the minds of our citizenry, specially the youth the significance of POPULATION AND ENVIRONMENT DEVELOPMENT.

This Bill seeks solution to this problem by institutionalizing the teaching of POPULATION AND ENVIRONMENT DEVELOPMENT in all secondary and collegiate schools in the country by way of the integration of this subject in the respective curricula of these schools.

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AN ACT

DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS TO INCLUDE IN THE CURRICULUM OF ALL SECONDARY AND COLLEGIATE SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES IN THE COUNTRY THE TEACHING OF POPULATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives in Congress assembled;

SECTION 1. The teaching of Population and Environmental Development is hereby required to be a part of the curriculum of all secondary and collegiate schools and universities in the Philippines.

SECTION 2. The Department of Education, Culture and Sports in coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Department of Health, the Commission on Population, the Institute of Environment Science and Management and the Population Institute of the University of the Philippines shall conduct a research and study and prepare all the materials or textbooks needed for the implementation of the subject Population and Environmental Development.

SECTION 3. The Department of Education, Culture and Sports is directed to adopt the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 4. The funds needed for this purpose shall be taken from the appropriations of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports and/or Economic Support Fund allotted to said department. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 5. All laws, decrees, executive orders, or parts thereof which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.