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HOUSE BILL NO. 2164

Introduced by REP. ISIDORO E. REAL, JR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

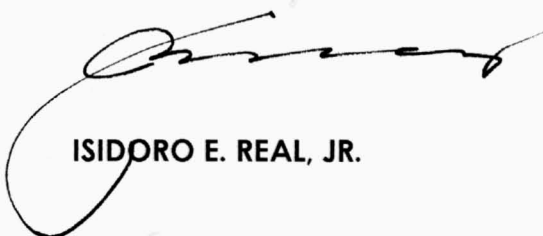
This bill seeks to include the subject of drug addiction in the elementary and secondary curriculum in all public and private schools.

Based on a global survey conducted by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes (UNODC) on the use of *shabu*, ecstasy and amphetamines, the Philippines ranked third in terms of amphetamine-type stimulants (ATS) consumption. There are at least 1.8 million regular drug users in the country who consume an average of five to 10 grams of *shabu* monthly while 1.6 million are casual users.

This highly addictive methamphetamine form of drug can keep users awake for days and has hallucinogenic effects. The drug can be fatal. The common side effects include increased heart rate, dehydration, paranoia and depression.

The proliferation of these illegal drugs resulted to the increase in the number of drug-related crimes in our society. Law enforcement records showed that 75% of all the crimes committed in the country are drug-related.

Making our youth aware of the consequences of illegal drugs in one's life will minimize drug abuse and the incidence of drug-related crimes. The primary objective of including in the elementary and secondary curricula in all public and private schools a subject on illegal drugs, its effects on the user as well as on society, is preventive in nature. Knowledge of the detrimental effects of drugs will totally discourage experimentation and drug use among students and school personnel. Consistent with the State policy to safeguard the integrity of its territory and the well-being of its citizenry, particularly the youth, from the harmful effects of dangerous drugs on his physical and mental well-being, and to defend the same against acts not conducive to development and preservation, this bill becomes imperative. Hence, approval thereof is highly recommended.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE SUBJECT OF DRUG ADDICTION IN THE
SCHOOL CURRICULUM OF ALL ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

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

SECTION 1. A subject on drug addiction, its effects on the person and society, shall be incorporated in the school curricula of all public and private elementary and secondary schools.

SEC. 2. The Department of Education (DepEd), in coordination with the Department of Health (DOH), shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act. The DepEd shall revise the school curriculum in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act in public schools shall be included in the appropriations of the Department of Education under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be needed for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,