

Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
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House Bill No. 2304

Introduced by Honorable CONSUELO A. DY

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to introduce the concept of local governance, most especially the Local Government Code. The purpose of which is to introduce high school students to the importance of governance that is defined by accountability, transparency and responsibility of local government units. Specifically, the Local Government Code provides the mandate of local government units to address important issues concerning people and communities. This includes the local economy, education, health and other basic social services, environment and natural resources and peace and order.

By doing such, high school students will be made aware of the importance of efficient local government. After all, according to the 2001-2004 Medium Term Philippine Development Plan, "good governance promotes the collective responsibility of the government, civil society and private sector in improving the lives of all Filipinos, particularly the poor."

In this case, inculcating positive and upright values to our youth will also help build future leaders should they decide to venture into careers in local governance. In this case, our nation will be assured of local leaders who are knowledgeable yet possessing a strong drive to be of service to the people.

In view of the foregoing reasons, approval of this measure is highly recommended.


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AN ACT MANDATING THE COMPUSORY INCLUSION IN THE CURRICULUM OF ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, OF A SUBJECT ON "LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1: *High School Curricula.* – It shall be compulsory for all secondary schools, public or private, to include in their curricula a subject on "Local Governance and the Local Government Code.

SECTION 2: *Implementing Rules and Regulations* – The Department of Education in coordination with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations as maybe necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SECTION3: *Effectivity* – This Act shall take effect upon its approval

Approved;