

Republic of the Philippines
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2686

Introduced by Honorable JANETTE P. LORETO-GARIN, MD

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to include agriculture as a subject in the secondary level in all public and private schools all over the country.

The Constitution mandates that the State shall establish, maintain and support a complete, adequate and integral system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society. In line with this mandate the State continuously assist its citizenry in improving their economic conditions through proper basic education.

The Philippines is an agricultural country thus, its economy is basically agricultural. It is to be noted, however, that even with the present trend of modern technology, most of our farmers are still applying the old methods of farming. As a result, our farm lands are not fully utilized in producing more and better crops.

Including agriculture as a subject in the secondary level would inculcate in the minds of our students its importance in the social and economic development of our country. Furthermore, our youths will have knowledge on the different aspects and methods of agriculture with the use of modern technology. Likewise, they will be exposed to such livelihood at an early age and imbibe in their minds that agriculture is a noble profession. Considering also that this could be done in the backyards, it will provide business opportunities for those who cannot afford to pursue a college education.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this highly recommended.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF AGRICULTURE AS A SUBJECT IN
THE SECONDARY LEVEL IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS ALL
OVER THE COUNTRY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. Agriculture shall be included as a subject in the curricula in the secondary level in all public and private schools all over the country.

SEC. 2. The Department of Education shall formulate the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act.

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

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

Approved,