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HOUSE BILL NO. 2829

Introduced by the Honorable Roque R. Ablan, Jr. & Lorna C. Silverio

EXPLANATORY NOTE

" The battle against illegal drugs was no less critical and no less immediate than the government's war against the abu sayyaf banditry, communist insurgency, terrorism and organized crime. Illegal drugs are much more damaging in the long term because they gobble the very heart and hope of our country - the youth. "

- President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo

This bill proposes to include in the school curricula the subject on drug awareness and prevention as provided for in Section 43 of Republic Act No. 9165, otherwise known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002.

Drug use must be nipped in the bud before it even starts. Empowering the youth through compulsory subjects on dangerous drugs will not only nip the menace in the bud but also drastically reduce its pernicious effects in the long run. Knowledge of the detrimental effects of dangerous drugs will totally discourage experimentation and continued drug use. The school will also be able to provide the youth with the venue to voice out their opinions, fears, apprehensions and questions about the social, psychological and emotional effects of drug abuse.

Integrating instruction on drug abuse prevention and control in subjects like Science and Technology and Makabayan will not be enough to ensure that every aspect of the subject matter is thoroughly discussed.

The Drug Menace is a problem that will not just go away. We have to confront it head on. We have to arm our youth with the knowledge and power they need to stop the menace...the power to say NO TO DRUGS. Hence, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE SUBJECT ON DRUG
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ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the
Philippines in Congress Assembled*

Section 1. A subject on drug awareness and prevention shall be incorporated in the school curricula of all public and private elementary and secondary schools.

Section 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.

Section 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.

Section 4. Effectivity Clause- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the complete publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

APPROVED.

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