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EXPLANATORY NOTE

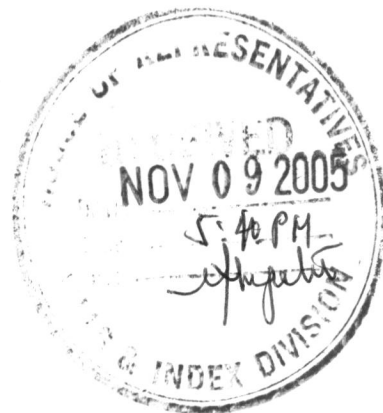
Science and technology are essential for national development and progress. The State shall give priority to research and development, invention, innovation, and their utilization; and to science and technology education, training, and services. It shall support indigenous, appropriate, and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, and their application to the country's productive systems and national life. (Section 10, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution)

This bill seeks to foster and promote education utilizing advancements in science and technology that will ensure computer education among public high school students.

To this end, it is the intention of the undersigned to establish and maintain computer facility system that will provide and ensure students access to computers. Additionally, computer plays a significant role in acquiring different information in almost every subject matter, hence, it will serve as a good source of knowledge to every Filipino student in our country.

In view of this, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly requested.


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**AN ACT REQUIRING COMPUTER EDUCATION IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title* – This Act shall be known as the “Computer
Education Act.”

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy* – It shall be the policy of the State to
foster and promote education utilizing advancements in science and
technology that will ensure computer education among public high school
students.

SECTION 3. *Compulsory Computer Education* – All public high schools
shall establish and maintain a computer facility system that will provide
and ensure students access to computers. For the purpose of this Act,

“Computer Education shall refer to the basic computer programs such as word processing, database encoding and spreadsheets.

SECTION 4. *Curriculum* – The Department of Education, Culture and Sports shall include computer education as part of the curriculum of secondary public education.

SECTION 5. *Training* – The National Computer Center shall train qualified Department of Education, Culture and Sports personnel in every public high school.

SECTION 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations* – The Department of Education, Culture and Sports in coordination with the National Computer Center shall formulate the necessary guidelines and promulgate rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 7. *Allocations for Computers* – The total capital outlay of computers shall be proportionally distributed per legislative district in accordance with their share of student enrollment relative to the total population.

SECTION 8. *Appropriation* – Such sum as may be necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this Act is hereby authorized to be

appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated. Thereafter, funds for its operations shall be included in the regular appropriations of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports and the National Computer Center.

SECTION 9. *Separability Clause* - If any provisions of this Act is declared unconstitutional or the application thereof to any person, circumstance or transaction is held invalid, the validity of the remaining provisions of this Act or the applicability of such provisions to other persons, circumstances or transactions shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 10. *Repealing Clause* - The provisions of all other laws, decrees, orders, rules or regulations or part thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed accordingly.

SECTION 11. *Effectivity* - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in the Official Gazette, or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,