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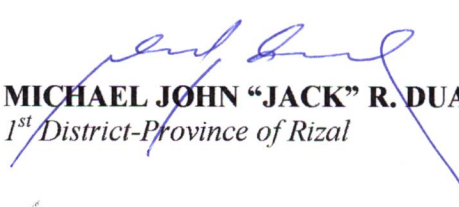
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The implementation of education programs and reforms is a long-term mission. Hence, the educational system must formulate and assess its mission, goals and objectives, at least every five (5) years to make the institutional or functional parts of the system moving in the desired direction and to see to it that education is achieving its mission and goals. The educational system should also be functionally linked with the other sectors whose operations interact with education.

Studies of the Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM) showed that there is a need to create an institution that could provide insights, advice and perspectives to our national policy-makers and administrators on the strategic, macro or systems – context of Philippine education so as to ensure a more effective planning, governance and operations of the educational systems. Thus, this bill provides for the creation of the National Council for Education, which shall serve as an advisory body to both the executive and legislative branches on all issues and concerns affecting the educational system. The Council shall undertake periodic assessment on the educational system and shall act as the medium of coordination for the three (3) levels of education to broaden the participation of all.

Considering that education is so important to our country and people, it should be more responsive to the needs of our changing society to attain progress and development.

For all the foregoing considerations, early approval of this bill is urgently requested


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AN ACT
CREATING THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION, DEFINING ITS
POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. – It is declared policy of the State to give higher priority to education, protect and promote the right of citizens to quality education and to take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all. Towards this end, the State shall endeavor to make governmental machineries more responsive to the development of the needs and requirements of the educational system and shall encourage greater and more active participation of the people so that education shall achieve its mission goals and objectives for the benefits of the country and the people.

SEC. 2. Objectives. – In accordance with the abovementioned policy, this Act shall pursue the following objectives:

- (a) provide efficient and effective government structures and machinery that shall consistently carry-out the implementation of education policies, plans and programs;
- (b) formulate long-term goals and objectives and define strategic direction for a system-level assessment on education at least every five (5) years;
- (c) make the educational system functionally linked with the other sectors of our society whose operation and environment interact with or has impact on education;
- (d) promote the desired direction of the educational system so that education shall achieve its mission, goals and objectives;

- (e) establish an institution to provide insights, advice and perspectives on the strategic systems of Philippine education to ensure a more effective and efficient planning, governance and operation of the educational system.

SEC. 3. *Creation of National Council for Education.* – There is hereby created a Council to be known as the National Council for Education. The Council shall be autonomous body and attached to the Office of the President for directory purposes.

SEC. 4. *Composition of the Council.* – The Council shall have thirteen (13) members composed of the following:

A. The ex-officio members are:

- (1) the Secretary of Education;
- (2) the Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education;
- (3) the Director-General of the Technical Education & Skills Development Authority
- (4) the Chairman of the Committee on Education of the Senate;
- (5) the Chairman of the Committee on Education of the House of Representatives;

B.I. The primary or regular members are, functional experts or authorities in the inter-disciplinary or applied sciences, including:

- (6) an authority on economics of education;
- (7) an authority on legal and administrative matters;
- (8) an authority on development and educational management;
- (9) an authority on educational finance and fiscal policy;

B.II. Experts on basic disciplines or subjects including:

- (10) an authority on science and mathematics;
- (11) an authority on arts and humanities;
- (12) an authority on social sciences; and
- (13) an authority on applied science and technology.

The President shall appoint the regular members of the Council in consultation with the Chairmen of the Committee on Education of both houses of Congress for a term of six (6) years. Appointment to any vacancy shall only be for the unexpired term of the predecessor.

The Chairman of the Council shall be elected by the members from among themselves.

The Council shall meet at least four (4) times a year or more often, as the need arises, to address urgent issues and concerns and shall hold such other meetings at the call of the chairman or a majority of its members.

SEC 5. Compensation. – The members of the Council shall serve without any compensation but shall be entitled to receive reasonable honoraria and per diems and reimbursements of actual and necessary expenses incurred in carrying out their duties.

SEC 6. Powers and Functions. – The Council shall have the following powers and functions:

- (a) to act as an advisory body to both the executive branch and legislative branch on the strategic, long-term and system-wide issues and concerns affecting the educational system;
- (b) to recommend educational policies and plans on such strategic and system-wide issues and concerns;
- (c) to undertake research on such concerns, monitor both local and internal education developments;
- (d) to formulate the national educational plan and program;
- (e) to conduct periodic assessment of the education system every five (5) years to insure that the goals and missions of education are being accomplished and that the strategic direction for education is being followed;
- (f) to coordinate all agencies involved in education to be able to gather insights, conclusions and recommendations from all concerned; and
- (g) to publish a journal on educational policy and assessment.

SEC 7. Secretariat. –The Council shall organize its Secretariat whose staff shall be drawn from the institutions represented by the Council: Provided, however, That in undertaking the periodic assessment, the Council shall act as the coordinative Secretariat and shall conduct the assessment or research, as may be necessary, under its direction.

SEC 8. Rules and Regulations. – The Council shall formulate such internal rules and systems of procedures as may be necessary to carry out effectively the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 9. Appropriation. – The amount of Twenty Million Pesos (P20,000,000.00) is requested appropriated out of the funds of the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated. Thereafter, a regular appropriation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act for the implementation of the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 10. – *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act re hereby modified or repealed accordingly.

SEC. 10 – *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,

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