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Introduced by HONORABLE JUAN EDGARDO "SONNY" M. ANGARA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution states that "The State recognizes the indispensable role of the private sector, encourages private enterprise, and provides incentives to needed investments" (Section 22, Article II) The Constitution further provides that "the sustained development of a reservoir of national talents consisting of Filipino scientists, entrepreneurs, professionals, managers, high level manpower and skilled workers and craftsmen in all fields shall be promoted by the State." (Section 14, Article XII)

Each year, the Philippine educational system produces graduates who crown into the labor market. Every year, unemployed Filipinos searching for jobs continue to rise. The latest official statistics report about 5.5 million Filipinos are unemployed and 3.9 million underemployed.

The problem of unemployment and underemployment may be remedied if we can produce from our schools graduates who are job-creators, rather than job seekers. Our young students finishing college need to be taught to face the world with dreams of entrepreneurial success. The vigor, competitive energy and creativeness of small and medium enterprise in advance economies may be emulated by young Filipinos, which may hopefully impel our own economic development.

This bill mandates the inclusion of entrepreneurship as a separate subject at the high school level in all public and private educational institutions nationwide. the appropriate skills and values training at their early age are crucial in achieving a paradigm shift.


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AN ACT
REQUIRING INCLUSION OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP AS A SEPARATE
SUBJECT IN THE HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

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

SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy* – It is the policy of the State to provide a complete, adequate and integrated system of education to private and public school students, It is likewise the policy to make such system of education relevant and attuned to the current needs of society and the Filipino people.

SEC. 2. *Entrepreneurship Subject in the High School Level.* – There shall be a separate subject on entrepreneurship in the senior year curriculum of both public and private secondary schools nationwide.

SEC. 3. *Development of Subject Content.* – The Department of Education (DepEd) Secretary shall appoint a Head Subject Specialist from the bureau of Secondary Education who shall be the lead person in coordinating all activities necessary for the development and implementation of the subject in the secondary level.

The Head Subject Specialist shall conduct a multi-sectoral consultation with educators from public and private high schools,, members of the national chambers of commerce and industry, leading entrepreneurs and the public at large for the purpose of determining the appropriate content and scope of the entrepreneurship subject: Provided, that such subject shall include the following entrepreneurial subject matters: (1) management, (2) fund sourcing, (3) program accreditation, requirements, and (4) contemporary entrepreneurial practices: Provided,

further, That such subject shall include the values and skills-formation aspects of the making of an individual entrepreneurship; and that such subject shall be attuned to the current policy of industrialization and global competitiveness.

SEC. 4. *Budget.* – The funds necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations for the Department of Education under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, the amount necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Secretary of the Department of Education shall formulate the implementing rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,