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House Bill No. 1417

Introduced by HON. PRYDE HENRY A. TEVES

AN ACT TO PENALIZE UNIVERSITIES OR COLLEGES IN FORCING AND
MANDATING STUDENTS UNDER COURSES THAT REQUIRE BOARD EXAMS TO
ENROLL IN A REVIEW CENTER UPON THE SCHOOL'S PERSONAL CHOICE AND
DISCRETION

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.

-Marion Wright Edelman.

Article II, Section 13 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the government recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation building, and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.

The different officials understand the importance of education in molding the youth's character and values. As a corroboration and evidence with the aforementioned principle, the government allocates most of our yearly budget in education, science and technology. We cannot

deny the fact that education is the most basic key for social progress and total human liberation and development.

Schools, more importantly the colleges and universities, are endowed with great responsibility and duty to promote an incessant development and preservation of learning. The excellent quality and attributes of the coordinators, advisers, deans and professors will be reflected and measured with the kind of students that they are capable of producing. But what if corruption and gluttony starts with the school's administrators and officials? It may sound absurd but this happens in the real world.

There are cases where universities and colleges are performing things that are entirely opposite to their ideal purpose i.e. to take full advantage of their authority and perceive their undertaking like a business rather than as a profession.

This bill is concluded to penalize universities and colleges in forcing and mandating students under courses that require board exams like Nursing, Accountancy, Engineering and others to enroll in a review center upon the school's personal choice and discretion. Some universities and colleges compel their students to submit into a contract by means of subscribing into a sort of a package deal that includes the school's own selection of review center, transportation and board and lodging while the students are left with no choice but to give the necessary payment. In this method, the schools are dealing and tying up with different review centers in order to get any percentage of payment from a particular student.

This kind of action should be immediately prevented in order to bail out schools from being prone to corruption and dirty transactions. The school shall be a location for knowledge and wisdom development and must be deprived from being an establishment of dishonesty and cheating. With the aid of this law, the right of the students to enjoy the gift of democracy by way of choosing their own review class will be put into assurance.

For this reason, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

Section 1. Short Title. – This act shall be referred to as “Protection of Students’ Right Act of 2010”.

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. – The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs. The State shall give priority to education as it provides an indispensable effect in the economy’s position.

Section 3. Prohibited Acts. –

- (1). Compelling the students to enroll at a review center chosen by the school.

(2) Forcing the students to enter into a stipulation by means of subscribing into a sort of a package deal that comprises of the school's own selection of review center, transportation and board and lodging while the students are left with no option but to provide the required payment.

(3) Forcing students to take review class unless it is part of the school's curriculum.

Section 4. Penalties – Any person violating Section 3 of this Act including coordinators, advisers, deans, professors and other concerned individual shall be penalized by a fine of 750,000 and an automatic suspension from his/her office or revocation of his/her professional license.

Section 5. Repealing Clause – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, administrative memorandum, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Acts hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

Section 6. Effectivity Clause – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,