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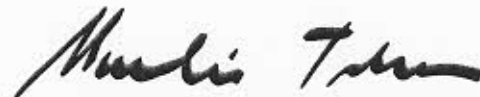
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State, as provided for in the Constitution, is tasked to uphold the rights of the citizens to accessible and quality education at all levels. The existence of public schools is a concrete manifestation of this responsibility.

The school is a site of instruction and learning. It is one of the institutions where the future of the country is determined through the development of individuals as good citizens. As such, the State should ensure that it is functioning properly as an establishment conducive for learning. One of the means to achieve this is to look after the welfare of the students.

This bill seeks to protect students in public educational institutions from varied forms of solicitation or fund raising activities for whatever purpose. Public schools should not serve as fund generating institutions for other organizations or personalities, much to the detriment of cash-trapped students. Its primary, if not sole, purpose is to mold students into productive individuals who would serve the country in various capacities. Also, these activities are most of the time used by unscrupulous individuals to raise funds for illegal endeavors. There is a pressing need to shield the aforementioned from these concerns, for these forms of solicitation and fund-raising defeat the very purpose for which public schools were established in the first place.

Given the paramount importance of the bill in light of the foregoing, passage of this bill is highly sought.



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AN ACT
PROHIBITING THE UNAUTHORIZED SALE OF TICKETS AND COLLECTION OF
CONTRIBUTIONS AND SOLICITATIONS FROM STUDENTS IN ELEMENTARY AND
SECONDARY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREFOR,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. The unauthorized sale of tickets and collection of contributions and/or solicitation in any form by any person or persons, from students in public elementary and secondary schools at any time of the school year are prohibited: Provided, that this prohibition shall not cover voluntary fees for Red Cross, Girl Scouts of the Philippines and Boys Scouts of the Philippines, as well as voluntary contribution for projects of PTA for the benefits of the school and project of the students organizations: Provided, further, That the officers of Parent-Teachers Association, other than teachers, will undertake the collection of membership fees, annual dues and voluntary contributions for the funding of special projects for the improvement of the school.

SECTION 2. The practice of asking or requiring teachers, school officials and students to go around and solicit donations of any form other than those mentioned in Section 1 hereof shall likewise be prohibited.

SECTION 3. Any person who violates the provisions of this Act shall be punished by a fine of not less than Ten Thousand Pesos (P 10,000.00) nor more than Twenty Thousand Pesos (P 20,000.00) or imprisonment not less than three months nor more than six (6) months, or both. If the offender is a public official, an additional penalty of suspension for three (3) months shall be imposed.

SECTION 4. An ordinary taxpayer may file a case against any person who violates Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 5. The Secretary of Education shall issue the necessary guidelines to implement the provision of this Act.

SECTION 6. All laws, decrees, executive orders, and other issuances inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect 15 days after its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,