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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. 3647

Introduced by HONORABLE MARCELINO "MARCY" R. TEODORO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution in Section 1, Article XIV, requires the State to promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels.

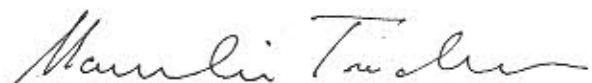
Thus, it is not surprising that the current administration, through the Department of Education, pushes for the 12-year education plan called the "Enhanced Kindergarten - Grade 12" (K+12). DepEd's K+12 model specifies one year of kindergarten and 12 years of basic education. Further, the model specifically divides basic education into six years of elementary education and six years of high school education, with the latter composing four years of junior high school and two years of senior high school.

Several education leaders are advocating for an additional two years of basic education for students in the country citing insufficiency of the present 10-year basic education for schoolers to absorb learning strategies. The additional two years of basic education curriculum is believed to be imperative in achieving quality education that would allow the students to be competitive with the rest of our neighbors in Asia. Apparently, the Philippines is the only country in the region that requires ten years of basic education.

Also, the proposal is viewed as the probable answer to the issue of the current 10-year basic education cycle being obsolete since, as stated earlier, most nations in the world already implement a 12-year education plan, and thereby help reverse the decline of Philippine education. Some international observers in the field specifically noted that Filipino students end up cramming so many subjects in a short period of time, therefore, they failed to delve deeper into difficult subjects like Calculus and other sciences. More importantly, the two years of senior high school aim to provide students with skills and competencies that will help them become employable upon graduation.

This bill, in line with DepEd's K+12, seeks to amend the Education Act of 1982, and modify accordingly the definition of "elementary education" to specifically consist of one (1) year of kindergarten and six (6) years of elementary school, and "secondary education" to comprise of four (4) years of junior high school and two (2) years of senior high school.

In view of the foregoing facts, immediate approval of this measure is earnestly sought.



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House Bill No. **3647**

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AN ACT
AMENDING ARTICLE III, CHAPTER I, SECTION 20 OF BATAS PAMBANSA
NO. 232, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE EDUCATION ACT OF 1982"

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

SECTION 1. Section 20, Chapter 1, Article III of the Education Act of 1982 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 20. Definition. — "Formal Educational" refers to the hierarchically structured and chronologically graded learning organized and provided by the formal school system and for which certification is required in order for the learner to progress through the grades or move to higher levels. Formal education shall correspond to the following levels:

1. Elementary Education. — the first stage of compulsory, formal education primarily concerned with providing basic education. [and usually corresponding to six or seven grades, including pre-school programs] **FURTHER DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS:**

A. ONE YEAR OF KINDERGARTEN

B. SIX YEARS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Grades 1- 6)

2. Secondary Education. — the state of formal education following the elementary level concerned primarily with continuing basic education and expanding it to include the learning of employable gainful skills. [, usually corresponding to four years of high school]

FURTHER DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS:

A. FOUR YEARS OF JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 7 - 10)

B. TWO YEARS OF SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 11 - 12)

3. Tertiary Education. — post secondary schooling is higher education leading to a degree in a specific profession or discipline."

SECTION 2. Implementing Rules and Regulations. — The Department of Education shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations within ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 3. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

SECTION 4. Repealing Clause. – Pertinent provisions of Batas Pambansa No. 232 and all other laws, decrees, executive orders and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,