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HOUSE BILL NO. 3688

Introduced by **HON. ANA CRISTINA S. GO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Many public elementary and high school students have difficulty in accessing immediate health services, which may lead to untreated conditions, unnecessary diseases, and even death.

This is a proposal for the establishment of a School District Clinic in every public school district in the country with a physician, dentist, nurse and a guidance counselor that will be readily available to attend to the immediate medical needs of public elementary and high school students in the covered school district. School District Clinics can be effective means of bringing preventive and primary care to medically underserved children and adolescents and decreasing academic failure resulting from poor health.

The School District Clinics in providing comprehensive and accessible primary health care services shall improve the physical health, the emotional well-being and academic performance of public elementary and high school students, and work in collaboration with public schools to integrate health into the overall school environment.

The foregoing is consonant with the constitutionally enshrined policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. The establishment of School District Clinics will answer the lack of health facilities that could provide immediate basic health care services to public elementary and high school students especially in those areas where the schools are located far from health centers and hospitals.

Hence, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SCHOOL
DISTRICT CLINIC IN EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT ALL OVER THE
COUNTRY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

SECTION 1. There shall be established in every public school district all over the country School District Clinics which shall provide primary health care, including physical exams, immunizations, treatment for minor illnesses, counseling and nutrition assistance during school hours.

SEC. 2. The School District Clinics shall conduct an annual physical and dental checkup of all public elementary and high school students and maintain records of the same.

SEC. 3. Each public school district shall provide the space and the building to be used as School District Clinics while the local health office shall assign thereto a staff composed of a physician, dentist, nurse and a guidance counselor.

SEC. 4. The Department of Health shall provide assistance to the Department of Education in the establishment of School District Clinics and develop and implement a program for the improvement of the over-all health condition of students and monitor and evaluate the performance of the health personnel.

SEC. 5. There shall be provisions for the construction of School District Clinics, acquisition of equipment and supplies and the training and salaries of health personnel.

SEC. 6. The appropriation necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the budget of the implementing agencies the year following its enactment into law.

Approved,