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House Bill No. **4353**

Introduced by Kabataan Party-List Representative Raymond V. Palatino

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide for the inclusion in the collegiate curricula of a course on the life, works and ideals of Andres Bonifacio.

Paragraph 2 of Section 3, Article XIV of the Constitution enumerates the objectives of education and the mandate of all educational institutions. It provides that *"They shall inculcate patriotism and nationalism, foster love of humanity, respect for human rights, appreciation of the role of national heroes in the historical development of the country, teach the rights and duties of citizenship, strengthen ethical and spiritual values, develop moral character and personal discipline, encourage critical and creative thinking, broaden scientific and technological knowledge, and promote vocational efficiency."* It is the obligation of the State to provide an educational system that lays emphasis on the love of country, the lives and achievements of its heroes and martyrs and the forces that make its history unique.

Andres Bonifacio is considered a national hero alongside with Jose Rizal. He was a Filipino nationalist and revolutionary. He was one of the founders and later the supreme leader of the *Kataas-taasang Kagalang-galangang Katipunan ng mga Anak ng Bayan* or *Katipunan*, a movement which sought the independence of the country from the Spanish colonial rule through armed revolution.

Including a course on the life, works and ideals of Andres Bonifacio in the collegiate curricula will strengthen the values of nationalism and patriotism. Lessons on national independence, collective action, civic consciousness and patriotism will be inculcated among the students. These lessons will shape the character needed for personal, community and national development.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION IN THE COLLEGIATE CURRICULA OF
THE LIFE, WORKS AND IDEALS OF ANDRES BONIFACIO AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known and may be cited as the “*Andres Bonifacio Act of*
2 *2011.*”

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4 **SECTION 2.** A course on the life, works and ideals of Andres Bonifacio shall be included in
5 the curricula of all collegiate schools to strengthen the values of nationalism and patriotism
6 among the students.

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8 **SECTION 3.** The Commission on Higher Education shall approve the materials and
9 textbooks for teaching the subject provided in this Act and shall issue the necessary rules and
10 regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

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12 **SECTION 4.** The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act in state colleges and
13 universities shall be charged to the appropriations for the Commission on Higher Education.
14 Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for its continuous implementation shall be included
15 in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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17 **SECTION 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official
18 Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

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20 **Approved,**