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House Bill No. 5417

Introduced by Kabataan Party-List Representative Raymond V. Palatino

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to educate our elementary and high school students on good governance, ethics and accountability in public service by including such topics in the basic education social studies curriculum.

Section 13, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states: "*SEC.13. The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building ... It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.*"

Educating our children on the ideals of public service will encourage them to get involved in bettering public and civic affairs. Including in our basic education curriculum the topics on good governance, ethics and accountability will inculcate to our youth the importance of efficient and moral leadership.

Moreover, the bill seeks to create an army of watchdogs against bad practices in the government. Even at an early age, our youth should be empowered to engage their leaders and contribute to social development. In the long term, the bill seeks to create model citizens and a large reserve of public servants who, with the ideals of patriotism, justice, responsibility and integrity are accountable to and are in service of the Filipino people.

It is along these lines that the immediate approval of this bill is sought.

Adopted,


HON. RAYMOND V. PALATINO
Representative, Kabataan Party-list

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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF TOPICS OF GOOD GOVERNANCE,
PUBLIC ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN PUBLIC SERVICE IN THE
SOCIAL SCIENCES CURRICULA IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY
EDUCATION

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

- 1 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known and may be cited as the “Good
2 Governance Education Act of 2011”.
- 3 **SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policies.*** – The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in
4 nation building. The State encourages the youth’s involvement in public and civic affairs
5 and shall educate them about good governance, ethics and accountability in public service.
- 6 **SECTION 3. *Good Governance Education.*** – The Department of Education shall integrate
7 in the social science curriculum of primary and secondary school students good governance
8 topics including but not limited to:
- 9 a. Article XI of the 1987 Philippine Constitution- Accountability of Public Officers;
10 b. RA 6713 or the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and
11 Employees;
12 c. RA 3019 or the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act.

1 **SECTION 4. *Implementing agency.*** – The Department of Education shall formulate
2 materials and integrate in the social studies curriculum for primary and secondary education
3 such materials in pursuance of this Act.

4 **SECTION 5. *Funding.*** – The amount necessary for the implementation of this act shall be
5 charged to the appropriations of the Department of Education. Thereafter, such sum as may
6 be necessary for its continuous implementation shall be included in the annual General
7 Appropriations Act.

8 **SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or
9 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall
10 remain valid and subsisting.

11 **SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.*** – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
12 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or is
13 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended
14 accordingly.

15 **SECTION 8. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
16 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Adopted,