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HOUSE BILL NO. 5856

Introduced by Honorable Arthur R. Defensor, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The objective of this bill entitled "National High School Career Guidance Counseling Act" is to have an educational system that is responsive to national development. This is basically achieved through career guidance counseling at the secondary level, where through a National High School Career Guidance Program, (NHSCGP) students, especially the graduating, are given the capability to make sound decision in the pursuit of subsequent tertiary education and/or technical education/skills development. This will guide secondary students on how to proceed from high school, based on their inherent capacity and skills, job opportunity and accessible tertiary education or technical education/skills development programs. The ultimate goal is the generation of a human resource, which is in line with the potentials of the economy and the needs of the government, starting at the secondary education level.

The main feature of the intended Act is the NHSCGP, that shall be administered by the Department of Education (DepEd), and involve counselling based on the Career Guidance Instructional Module (CGIM). The CGIM, to be responsive to the objectives of the program, shall be formulated and developed together with the Commission on Higher Education, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, Department of Labor, Department of Trade and Industry and the National Economic Development

Authority. The implementation of the NHSCGP shall be mandatory in all National High Schools.

The total development of the youth plays a vital role in national development. It is achieved in part through a relevant educational system, that starts with the career guidance of the youth at the secondary education level.

On the foregoing premises, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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ARTHUR R. DEFENSOR, JR.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAM FOR NATIONAL
HIGHSCHOOLS, AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES

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

Section 1. *Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "National High School Career Guidance Act."

Section 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - The State recognizes the role of the youth in nation building, and in the acceleration of social progress. In this regard, the State shall ensure their total development for the fulfilment of such role, by promoting relevant education, that shall generate a human resource responsive to the needs of the government and the economy.

Section 3. *Objectives.* - The objectives of this Act are as follows:

- (a.) To institutionalize a career guidance program for secondary education students to implemented in all National High Schools, that shall provide proper guidance to secondary education students in the pursuit of subsequent tertiary education and/or technical education/skills development;
- (b.) To give secondary education students the capability to make educated career decisions, and expose them to the relevant labor market; and
- (c.) To ensure that the resultant human resource of tertiary education and/or technical education/skills development is pertinent to the requirements of the government and the economy.

Section 4. *Creation of the National High School Career Guidance Program.* - To attain the objectives of this Act, there is hereby created the National High School Career Guidance Program (NHSCGP), that shall have the following features:

- (a.) The NHSCGP shall be administered by the Department of Education (DepEd);
- (b.) The DepEd shall formulate and develop, in cooperation with the Commission on Higher Education, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, Department of Labor, Department of Trade and Industry and the National Economic Development Authority, a Career Guidance Instructional Module (CGIM), that shall serve as the basic instructional material, to guide secondary students in their pursuit of tertiary education and/or technological education/skills development, after graduation;
- (c.) The CGIM shall serve to guide secondary students in career decision, based on their capacity and skills, accessible government tertiary education and/or technical education/skills development programs, the relevant labor market, and by and large, the requirements and expectations of the government and the economy;
- (d.) The NHSCGP shall be implemented in all National High Schools, and the CGIM administered and rendered by instructional mode, especially to graduating secondary education students; and
- (e.) Attendance to counselling under the NHSCGP shall be a prerequisite to graduation.

Section 5. *NHSCGP Centers.* - There shall NHSCGP Center in all National High School, to be administered by the Principal, assisted by a Career Guidance Counselor. The NHSCGO Center shall function as the resource center for the implementation of NHSCGP, and be primarily responsible for counselling based on the CIGM.

Section 6. *Implementing Guidelines.* - The DepEd shall, in coordination with the Commission on Higher Education, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, Department of Labor, Department of Trade and Industry and the National Economic Development Authority, promulgate and issue the necessary guidelines for the implementation of this Act.

Section 7. *Appropriations.* - The Secretary of the DepEd shall immediately include in the DepEd program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 8. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Section 9. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.