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Introduced by HONORABLE JUAN EDGARDO "SONNY" M. ANGARA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Art. XIV Sec. 4(1) of the Constitution mandates the State to exercise reasonable supervision and regulation of all educational institutions. There has been a steady increase in the crime rate in campuses all over the country. As such, there is a need to provide a secure environment for students to enable them to better focus on their studies. It is necessary for parents to have access to information with regard to campus crime statistics, as well as crime prevention plans in these campuses to equip them in making an informed choice as to which school to send their children to.

At the same time, students currently enrolled in their respective universities need to know the measures undertaken by their institution, as well as courses of action in cases of emergency to guarantee security and expedient assistance, if need be.

In view of the foregoing, early and immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT TO ENSURE SAFETY AND SECURITY IN ALL UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, CREATING A CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE FOR THIS PURPOSE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. Short Title.- This Act shall be known as "**The Campus Safety Act of 2012.**"

Sec. 2. Declaration of Policies.- This Act is enacted pursuant to the responsibility of the State to defend the right of children to assistance, including proper care and nutrition, and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty and exploitation, and other conditions prejudicial to their development as provided under the Constitution. It is also hereby declared the policy of the State to ensure access to quality education by ensuring the safety and security of students in all institutions of higher learning recognizing the role of the youth in nation building and in the development of the country.

Sec. 3. Scope.- This Act shall apply to all State Universities and Colleges, Local Universities and Colleges and Private Universities and Colleges.

Sec. 4. Definition of Terms.- For the purpose of this Act, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- a. Strategy- shall refer to the Crime Prevention Strategy
- b. Crime Prevention Committee ("CPC")- shall refer to the committee required to be established under Section 5 of this Act.

Sec. 5. Creation and Composition of the Student Crime Prevention Committee.- Every college and university shall establish a Crime Prevention Committee in every school which shall be composed of the following:

- a. Vice-President for Community Affairs or any other designation used in the College or University, such office dealing with campus security and safety – Presiding Officer
- b. Vice President for Students Affairs (or any other designation used in the College or University, such office dealing with the welfare and discipline of students – Alternate Presiding Officer
- c. University Student Council/Supreme Student Council President or Chairperson
- d. The class presidents of the high school level and the college presidents or chairpersons of the college level, and the Corps Commander of the ROTC and CAT, respectively.
- e. Head of campus police or security personnel
- f. President of the Parent-Teachers' Association or its equivalent

- g. The Secretary of the University Student Council shall serve as the committee secretary

Sec. 6. Duties and Responsibilities of the Committee. – The Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- a. Formulate, in consultation with the School Head, Chief of Police where the university or college is located, Punong Barangay, and other security specialists as they deem fit, a Crime Prevention Strategy, such Crime Prevention Strategy shall include but not be limited to the following:
- i. A statement of current campus policies regarding procedures and facilities for students and others to report criminal actions or other emergencies occurring on campus and policies concerning the institution's response to such reports.
 - ii. A statement of current policies concerning security and access to campus facilities, including campus residences, and security considerations used in the maintenance of campus facilities
 - iii. A statement of current policies concerning campus law enforcement including but not limited to:
 - aa. The enforcement authority of security personnel, including their working relationship with national and local police agencies, and
 - bb. Policies which encourage accurate and prompt reporting of all crimes to the campus police and the appropriate police agencies
 - iv. A description of the type and frequency of programs designed to inform students and employees about campus security procedures and practices and to encourage students and employees to be responsible for their own security and security of others.
 - v. A description of programs designed to inform students and employees about the prevention of crimes.
 - vi. Statistics concerning the occurrence on campus, during the most recent school year, and during the 2 proceeding school years for which data are available, including, but not limited to the following criminal offenses reported to campus security authorities or local police agencies: homicide, murder, physical injuries, rape, robbery, theft and sexual harassment.
 - vii. A statement of policy concerning the monitoring and recoding through local police agencies of criminal activity at off-campus student organizations which are recognized by the institution and that are engaged in by students attending the institution, including those student organizations with off campus housing facilities.
 - viii. Statistics concerning the number of arrests for the following crimes occurring on campus: liquor law violations, drug abuse violations and weapons possessions.
 - ix. Statement of policy regarding the possession, use, and sale of alcoholic beverages and enforcement of underage drinking laws and a statement of policy regarding the possession, use and sale of illegal drugs and enforcement of drug laws and a description of any drug or alcohol abuse education programs.
- b. Formulate crime prevention programs for the implementation of the Committee.
- c. Coordinate with College/School Principals or Deans, as the case may be, in the maintenance of peace and order within University/College/School premises.
- d. Recommend to the University/College/School the conduct of seminars or trainings on the crime and drug prevention and control in coordination with the NAPOLCOM regional office, local police station or DILG-Patrol 117.
- e. Conduct intensive information drive on the Crime Prevention Strategy which includes its semestral distribution of copies and orientation thereon.

- f. Submit to CHED through its Regional Offices (CHEDROs)- composition of CPC and the Crime Prevention Strategy as well as its program of activities and projects for the Academic Year two (2) months after the closing of enrollment in the First Semester and accomplishment report within two months after finishing the Second Semester or Trimester of the Academic Year.

Sec. 7. Duty of the University or College President. – The Office of the University or College President shall submit to the CHED Regional Office the following:

- a. Programs and projects of the CPC at the start of the Academic Year,
- b. Crime Prevention Strategy and
- c. Accomplishment Report of the Committee.

Sec. 8. Approval of the Crime Prevention Strategy. – The Board of Trustees/Board of Regents shall approve the Crime Prevention Plan taking into consideration the following factors which include but are not limited to:

- a. Size of the university or college;
- b. Crime prevalence in the university or college taking into account the character of the accused if he/she is an outsider or an insider (?);
- c. Crime prevalence in the location or area where the university or college is located; and
- d. Capacity of the university or college to fund security services such as but not limited to additional security personnel, hiring of private security agencies, additional patrol mobile cars and motorcycles, additional security posts within campus premises, and additional light posts within campus premises.

Sec. 9. Submission to CHED and Review of the Crime Prevention Strategy - The Crime Prevention Strategy after approval of the Board shall be submitted to the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and shall be subject to its review. If found unsatisfactory by CHED, taking into consideration the circumstances of each university or college, it shall be returned to the Board for appropriate action. Provided that, pending its review, the Plan shall be implemented by the university or college concerned.

Sec. 10. Duties of CHEDROs. – The CHEDROs shall coordinate, supervise and monitor the implementation of the crime prevention strategy, as approved, and projects of CPCs, jointly with NAPOLCOM in the region. The Office of Student Services of CHED shall consolidate regional reports for submission to the Office of the CHED Chairman through the Executive Director's Office.

Sec. 11. Reassessment of the Crime Prevention Strategy.- The Crime Prevention Strategy shall be subject to review or reassessment annually by the Board or as often as required by the circumstances.

Sec. 12. Noncompliance with this Act.- Failure to comply with the provisions of this Act shall subject the university or college, its Board of Trustees and other officers/persons responsible for the failure to comply to administrative sanctions to be imposed by CHED.

Sec. 13. Repealing Clause.- Any law, Presidential Decree, Executive Order, Rules and Regulations, contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 14. Separability Clause.- If any provision of this Act is held invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Sec. 15. Effectivity Clause.- This Act shall take effect fifteen days after its publication in the Official Gazette and in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,