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**HOUSE BILL NO. 618**




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Introduced by Hon. Mariano U. Piamonte Jr. and  
 Hon. Julieta R. Cortuna, Representatives, A TEACHER Party-list

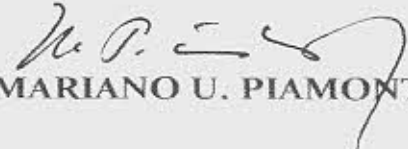
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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Modern technology has always been praised to have improved the lives of everybody. Computers and cellphones are testaments to the conveniences that technology has to offer. It is just disturbing to note that despite the presence of modern technology, criminals still continue to proliferate and remained a stumbling block to a quality peace and order especially in schools where young students are more vulnerable to the schemes of the criminals.

It is about time that we go further in adopting modern technology to apprehend or deter criminals. The wide use of closed circuit television *cameras is one area where we can increase the adoption of modern technology to apprehend criminals which will eventually deter them from committing crimes.*

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is hereby being earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**MANDATING THE INSTALLATION OF CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV)**  
**CAMERAS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE**

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

1           **SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy.** It shall be the policy of the state to adopt  
2           modern technology in apprehending and preventing crimes to enhance security and  
3           maintain peace and order in public and private schools.

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5           **SECTION 2. Definition of Terms.** For purposes of implementing the provisions  
6           of this Act, the following terms shall be construed to mean as follows:

- 7           a) Closed circuit television camera (CCTV)- a device or system that could be  
8           used to capture and record photo or still and moving or video images;  
9           b) Schools- Any building, structure, yard, court and space dedicated for  
10          education or learning.

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12          **SECTION 3.** It is hereby mandated that public and private schools nationwide  
13          shall install closed circuit television (CCTV) cameras within their establishments that

1 will cover strategic areas in their premises so as to capture photos or videos of  
2 possible crimes or untoward incident that may occur thereat.

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4 **SECTION 4.** The budget necessary for the implementation of this Act with  
5 respect to public schools shall be included in the annual budget of the Department of  
6 Education, State Universities and Colleges.

7 Private schools shall pay for the expenses necessary for the compliance of the  
8 provisions of this Act.

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10 **SECTION 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** The Department of  
11 Education, State Universities and Colleges shall issue their corresponding rules and  
12 regulation necessary for the implementation of this Act.

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14 **SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.*** All laws or parts of any law, orders, rules, and  
15 regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or  
16 amended accordingly.

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18 **SECTION 7. *Effectivity Clause.*** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days  
19 after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general  
20 circulation.

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22 Approved,