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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article XIV, Section 4(1) mandates the State to exercise reasonable supervision and regulation of all educational institutions. The crime incidence in campuses has steadily risen. There is a need to inform the parents and guardians, as well as their children and wards, about crimes that happen in a particular educational institution and about its security policies and procedures.

This bill aims to provide a safe and healthy environment for students by requiring educational institutions:

1. To develop security policies and procedures;
2. To report crimes on campuses; and
3. To develop policies and procedures to address violent crimes on college campuses.


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1 **AN ACT**
2 **TO INCREASE CAMPUS SECURITY AND CRIME AWARENESS**

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

3 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act may be cited as the “Campus Security and Crime
4 Awareness Act of 2013.”

5 SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It shall be the policy of the State to provide a
6 safe and healthy environment for students by requiring educational institutions to disclose
7 crime statistics that occur within the campus and its security policies and procedures.

8 SECTION 3. *Definition of Terms.* – For the purposes of this Act, the term:

9 (A) “Campus” includes –

10 (1) Any building or property owned or controlled by an institution of higher
11 education within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area and used
12 by the institution in direct support of, or related to its educational
13 purposes;

14 (2) Any building or property owned or controlled by student organizations
15 recognized by the institution.

1 In cases where branch campuses of an institution of higher education, schools
2 within an institution are not within reasonably contiguous geographic area, such
3 entities shall be considered separate campuses for purposes of the reporting
4 requirements of this Act.

5 (B) “Secretary” refers to the Secretary of Department of Education.

6 SECTION 4. *Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics.* –

7 Upon effectivity of this Act, each eligible campus shall begin to collect the following
8 information with respect to campus crime statistics and campus security policies and each
9 year thereafter, prepare, publish, and distribute, through appropriate publications or mailings,
10 to all current students and employees, and to any applicant for enrollment or employment
11 upon request, an annual security report containing at least the following information with
12 respect to the campus security policies and campus crime statistics of that institution:

13 (A) A statement of current campus policies regarding procedures and facilities for
14 students;

15 (B) Reports of criminal actions or other emergencies occurring on campus; and

16 (C) Policies concerning the institution’s response to such reports.

17 SECTION 5. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or
18 unconstitutional, the reminder of the law of the provision not otherwise affected shall remain
19 valid and subsisting.

20 SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,
21 executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to, or
22 inconsistent with, the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended
23 accordingly.

- 1 SECTION 7. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
2 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,