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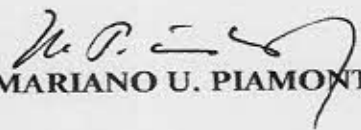
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Disaster damages to lives and properties cannot be prevented at all. As we all know it is an act of nature that no one can control. However, science will tell us that the risk of damage or loss to lives and properties during calamities can be reduced given the right preparation and awareness to the destructive nature of natural disasters.

This measure provides a mechanism in which the public through education can be made aware of the ways on how to deal with forthcoming natural disasters so that the appropriate preparations can be put in place that could minimize damage or loss to lives and properties in times of natural disaster or calamities.

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


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AN ACT
MANDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE COMMISSION
ON HIGHER EDUCATION TO INCLUDE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION
AWARENESS SUBJECTS IN THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM FROM PRIMARY
TO TERTIARY LEVELS, PROVIDING MODALITIES AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

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 "Disaster Risk Reduction Curriculum Act".

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* It shall be the policy of the State to minimize loss of lives and properties in times of disaster.

For the purpose of minimizing damage to lives and properties during disasters, the public should be made aware on to how to deal with forthcoming natural calamities and enable them to reduce the risk of losing lives or properties eventually minimizing the damage thereafter.

SECTION 3. *Disaster Risk Reduction Subjects.* The Department of Education (DepEd) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) is hereby

will teach students from primary to tertiary levels, how to reduce risk in times of disaster or natural calamities.

SECTION 4. *Crafting, Implementation and Administration.* The department of Education (DepEd) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) shall be the lead agencies in crafting, implementing, administering and conducting periodic evaluation of the subjects on disaster risk reduction that will be included in the curriculum as mandated under the provisions of this Act.

The said agencies shall issue the corresponding Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR) in accordance with their respective areas of education level.

SECTION 5. *Training of Teachers and Related Personnel.* The Department of Education (DepEd) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) shall conduct trainings/seminars for teachers and related personnel in relation to the implementation of the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 6. *Community Outreach.* The awareness on calamity risk reduction that the implementation of this Act will bring to students shall be extended by public and private schools to nearby community for at least twice a year in a form of seminar or forum on risk reduction in times of calamities to be held by teachers or official of the schools concerned.

In coordination with local government units, public schools may initiate or adopt an awareness program on disaster risk reduction that the public schools may conduct together or in cooperation with local government units.

SECTION 7. Appropriations. The Department of Education (DepEd) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) shall include in their annual budget the funds necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 8. Repealing Clause. – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. Separability Clause. – If any part or provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,