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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines has been indisputably experiencing various natural disasters like super typhoons, earthquakes, storm surges, killer floods, etc. that create unspeakable destruction to life and properties.

The casualties of these natural disasters are aggravated due to ignorance of the nature and characteristics of the impending calamitous events such that one effective means of avoiding loss of life and property is by educating the constituents through the school, especially those of tender age who are vulnerable to said destructive events and, who, at the same time, may be able disseminate to their homes what they have learned in school.

As such, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
TO ESTABLISH A BASIC DISASTER PREPAREDNESS EDUCATION FOR ALL
SCHOOLS IN THE SECONDARY AND ELEMENTARY LEVELS

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the Basic Disaster Preparedness Education Act of 2013.

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. It is the policy of the State to protect and preserve life and property; to adopt programs and policies that will meet and further this policy through the education of elementary and high school students.

SECTION 3. Basic Disaster Preparedness Education in Elementary and High School Curricula. Basic disaster preparedness education shall be included in the curricula of elementary and high school students by the Department of Education (DepEd).

SECTION 4. Basic Disaster Education led by the Department of Education and assisted by the Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of National Defense, Department of Health, and the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services (PAGASA). The Department of Education, in cooperation with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Transportation and Communication (DOTC), the Department of National Defense, and the Philippine Geophysical and Astronomical Services shall spearhead the disaster preparedness education of elementary and high school students that shall cover the nature and characteristics of natural disaster, its consequences with the corresponding proper reaction during its happening and post-happening.

SECTION 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The DepEd, in collaboration with the DILG, DND, DOH, and the PAGASA, shall issue within 90 days from the date of approval of this Act, the implementing rules and regulations therefor.

SECTION 6. Separability Clause. Any portion or provision of this Act which may be declared unconstitutional or invalid shall not have the effect of nullifying other portions or provisions hereof.

SECTION 7. Repealing Clause. All other laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,