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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates the State to give priority to education, accelerate social progress and promote total human liberation and development. In Section XVI, it provides that all citizens have the right to quality and accessible education at all level.

Republic Act No. 7277, as amended, otherwise known as the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons declared that disabled persons are part of our society, thus the State shall give full support to the improvement of their total well-being and their integration into the mainstream of society.

Part of making the disabled persons in the mainstream of society is by providing them accessible and affordable education. To further fulfil the mandates of the State, courses and curriculum designed for the needs and demands of disabled persons shall be addressed through quality and affordable education.

This bill seeks to add mandates to all State Colleges and Universities to offer curriculum or courses for disable persons. The necessary funds thereof shall be provided in the General Appropriations Act.

Approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT MANDATING THE STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO OFFER COURSES DESIGNED TO CATER THE NEEDS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY, PROVIDING GUIDELINES AND MECHANISM FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Curriculum or Courses for Persons with Disability. All State Colleges and Universities nationwide shall provide for curriculum or courses especially designed for the special needs of persons with disability as defined in Republic Act No. 7277, as amended, otherwise known as Magna Carta for Disabled Persons.

SECTION 2. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) shall jointly promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 3. Appropriations. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be in the General Appropriations Act of each year.

SECTION 4. Repealing Clause. Any provisions of law, presidential decree, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.