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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The chronic occurrence of errors in textbooks is alarming as it is discouraging. For the most part, elementary and high school students rely on their textbooks for information and reference. Textbooks have become the main handbooks of students from which they cite and quote articles of knowledge. The textbook is the authority upon which the students' basic knowledge formation is built. However, if the textbook is replete with errors, be it conceptual, ethical or grammatical in nature, then the student would be led astray. Instead of being a potent learning aid, the textbook would even serve as a nefarious learning tool. Young learners trained up with such erratic tools encode fallacious automatization of knowledge in their schemata, and hence, are cerebrally conditioned to learn in the wrong direction.

Hence, there should be established a national textbook review board primarily tasked with the review of all textbooks before publication in order to warrant authorship and publication of such learning materials and with the end in view of purging conceptual, ethical, graphical, grammatical and practical errors therefrom.

The immediate passage of this measure is sought for.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Winnie Castelo".

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AN ACT
CREATING THE NATIONAL TEXTBOOK REVIEW BOARD AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "National Textbook Review Board Act of 2015."

SEC. 2. There is hereby created a National Textbook Review Board to undertake the review of all textbooks for publication for use in all public schools.

SEC. 3. The amount needed to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the 2015 appropriations of the DepEd. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,