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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) can happen at any time to anyone, anywhere, without warning. One effective way to counter the SCA is to perform CPR or cardiopulmonary resuscitation. However, if the CPR is performed late on a SCA patient, it can decrease the patient's chance of survival and bring about severe mental impairment.

Students are equally susceptible to the danger of experiencing sudden cardiac arrest with their high level of physical and athletic activities in schools. Thus, it is critical that there is always a CPR-trained personnel in school.

This bill seeks to require every school to have at least one person certified in CPR. Through this initiative, not only do we guarantee protection for our students, but also safety and protection for the teachers, school administrators and other staff.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

**REQUIRING EVERY SCHOOL TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE PERSON CERTIFIED IN
CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AND FIRST AID WHILE STUDENTS ARE IN
ATTENDANCE**

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

SECTION 1. *Medically-Qualified Personnel Required in All Schools.* – Each school shall have, at all times during which students are present, at least one person certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid. Any employee of a school may be designated as a medically-qualified personnel.

SECTION 2. *Definition of Medically Qualified Personnel-* For the purposes of this Act, a person is considered certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid upon the completion and yearly renewal of a course which meets the requirements established by the Secretary of Health or his representative.

SECTION 3. *Effect of Fulfillment.* – Fulfillment of the requirements of this section shall not be deemed to meet the requirements of any other provision of law, rule or regulation concerning health education or school nurses.

SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provision hereof.

SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances, or portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,