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HOUSE BILL NO. **2594**



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The advent of the internet, advanced technology if you may, has changed the way we do things to a degree never before imagined.

But where one gains, another one loses.

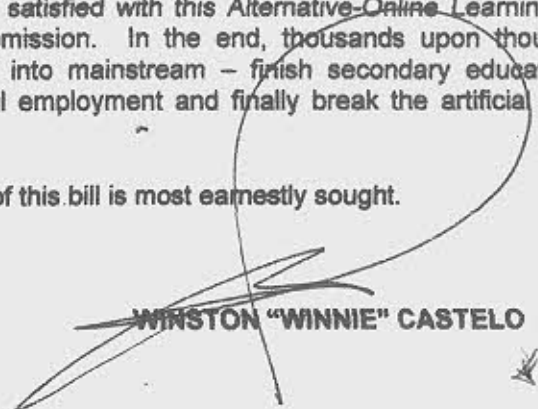
There are those on the other side of the Great Cultural Divide who cannot exercise the option to go on formal education, either secondary or tertiary level, unless an innovative, alternative, online, and intensive program of study or curriculum could be made available – this time – informally, outside of the box, in another learning environment and in an entirely new albeit experimental mode of learning.

Few steps may have been taken in this direction with a concept, however incomplete, like the concept of "eSkwela".

In the context of this humble measure, it is envisioned that one can acquire a high school education and/or two-year college program of study or course without having to attend hours of actual classroom instruction which could entail various costs let alone sacrifice.

This unmet need is best satisfied with this *Alternative-Online Learning System* institutionalized, hence this submission. In the end, thousands upon thousands of otherwise out-of-school will get into mainstream – finish secondary education, then pursue college, then find gainful employment and finally break the artificial barrier of poverty.

The immediate passage of this bill is most earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING AN ALTERNATIVE-ONLINE LEARNING SYSTEM FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND FIRST TWO YEARS OF COLLEGE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby established an Alternative-Online Learning System for High School and First Two Years of College in the educational system.

SEC. 2. Under this Act, Alternative-Online Learning System shall be administered by the Department of Education in the case of high school students and by the Technical Education & Skills Development Authority in the case of those in their first two years in college.

SEC. 3. Coverage of this Act. – All public and private educational establishments offering high school and/or college courses duly accredited with Dep Ed and/or TESDA may offer Alternative-Online Learning System which shall design the admission requirement, curriculum, proficiency test, grading system, issuance of diploma and/or certification and the like..

SEC. 4. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,