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House Bill No. 4573



Introduced by **Kabataan Party-list Representative Sarah Jane I. Elago**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine Constitution provides that it is the duty of the State to inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism. Article XIV, Section 3(2) further mandates all educational institutions to "inculcate patriotism and nationalism, foster love of humanity, respect for human rights, appreciation of the role of national heroes in the historical development of the country, teach rights and duties of citizenship, strengthen ethical and spiritual values, develop moral character and personal discipline, encourage critical and creative thinking, broaden scientific and technological knowledge, and promote vocational efficiency".

Andres Bonifacio is considered a national hero alongside Jose Rizal. He was a Filipino nationalist and revolutionary, and has often been referred to as the father of the Philippine Revolution. He was one of the founders, and, later, the supreme leader of the Kataas-taasang Kagalanggalangang Katipunan ng mga Anak ng Bayan (KKK) or Katipunan, a movement which sought the independence of the Philippines from Spanish colonial rule through armed revolution.

On November 30, 2016, we celebrate the 153th birth anniversary of Andres Bonifacio. To honor him we refile the bill, which aims to reintroduce the life, works, and ideals of Andres Bonifacio to the youth through secondary and tertiary education curricula. Introducing a course on his life in high school and college will strengthen the values of nationalism and patriotism. Lessons on national independence, collective action, civic consciousness and patriotism will be inculcated among the students and transform the youth into catalysts for change needed for personal, community, and national development.

In light of the foregoing, the approval of the bill is sought.


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AN ACT

**PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION IN THE CURRICULA OF SECONDARY AND TERTIARY
EDUCATION THE LIFE, WORKS, AND IDEALS OF ANDRES BONIFACIO AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

*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 "Andres Bonifacio Act of 2016".

SECTION 2. A course on the life, works, and ideals of Andres Bonifacio shall be
included in the curricula of all secondary schools, colleges and universities, public or private, to
strengthen the values of nationalism and patriotism among the students.

SECTION 3. The Department of Education and the Commission on Higher Education,
shall approve the materials and textbooks for teaching the subject provided in the Act and shall
issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 4. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act in public
secondary schools, state colleges and universities shall be charged to the appropriations for the
Department of Education and the Commission on Higher Education. Thereafter, such sum as
may be necessary for the implementation shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two
(2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,