

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. **5133**



Introduced by CIBAC Party-List Representative
Sherwin Tugna

AN ACT REQUIRING THE TEACHING AND INCULCATION OF THE NEED OF EVERY PERSON TO FIGHT THE EVILS OF GRAFT AND CORRUPTION IN THE SOCIETY, OF THE VARIOUS PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES IN GOVERNMENT AND OF TRANSACTIONS OCCURRING IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, OF THE STEPS THAT CAN BE UNDERTAKEN IN CASE GRAFT AND CORRUPTION OCCURS, AND OF THE RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CITIZENS IN GOVERNANCE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The evils of graft and corruption have always plagued both the public and private sectors of our society in the Philippines. Graft and corruption in our society weakens our democracy and the integrity of our various institutions, leads to violations of human rights, distorts markets, prevents the proper delivery of basic services to the people, increases inequality and injustice in the society and allows organized crime, terrorism and other threats to human security to flourish.

In order to address this problem, the United Nations adopted an instrument to address globally the problem of graft and corruption. The United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) provides the clear message that the international community is determined to prevent and control corruption.

Article II, Chapter 5 of UNCAC provides the preventive measures that states shall adopt in order to combat the problem of graft and corruption. Paragraph 1 states "Each State Party shall, in accordance with the fundamental principles of its legal system, develop and implement or maintain effective, coordinated anti-corruption policies that promote the participation of society and reflect the principles of the rule of law, proper management of public affairs and public property, integrity, transparency and accountability. Paragraph 2 provides "Each State Party shall endeavour to establish and promote effective practices aimed at the prevention of corruption."

In our fight against graft and corruption both in the public and private sectors of the society, education is an effective preventive tool. People's trust in the system can be regained if they take part in the fight against graft and corruption. In order that

people participate, it is necessary that they be informed and educated. And it would be more effective if the information-campaign and education start in school. Our students at an early stage would be informed of the need of every person to participate in the education of graft and corruption in the society, of the various process and procedures in government and of transactions occurring in the private sector, of the steps that can be undertaken in case graft and corruption occurs, and of the right and responsibilities of citizens in governance.

In view of the foregoing, immediate passage of the bills is earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'S' followed by several horizontal strokes, positioned above the printed name Sherwin Tugna.

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21 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in*
22 *Congress assembled:*
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24 SECTION 1. Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices
25 Information and Education Act of 2016".
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27 SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. - Teaching and inclusion of the need of every
28 person to participate in the eradication of graft and corruption in the society, of the
29 various process and procedures in government and of transaction occurring in the
30 private sector, of the steps that can be undertaken in case graft and corruption
31 occurs, and of the right and responsibilities of citizens in governance are hereby
32 required to be part of the curriculum of all primary and secondary schools in the
33 Philippines.
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35 SECTION 3. Rules and Regulations. - The Department of Education (DepEd) shall
36 adopt the necessary rules and regulations, upon consultation with reputable Civil
37 Society Organizations (CSOs), Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), and other
38 private entities and government offices which particularly have programs to prevent
39 corruption, to implement the provisions of this Act. DepEd shall be guided by the
40 principle that the information to be disseminated shall be given or taught in a positive
41 manner in such a way that the students will be inspired and encouraged to
42 participate in the fight against graft and corruption and recognize their role in the
43 achievement of a better nation as well as the appropriateness of the information
44 given to the capacity of the students to understand and appreciate ideas and lessons
45 depending on their grade levels.
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47 SECTION 4. Funding. - The funds needed for this purpose shall be taken from the
48 appropriations of DepEd.
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1 Thereafter, such amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be
2 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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4 SECTION 5. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act is declared invalid, the
5 other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid.

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7 SECTION 6. Repealing Clause. - All laws, proclamations, executive orders, rules
8 and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed,
9 modified or amended accordingly: Provided, That no person shall be deemed to be
10 vested with any property or other right by virtue of the enactment or operation of this
11 Act.

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13 SECTION 7. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
14 complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers
15 of general circulation whichever comes earlier.

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