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INTRODUCTORY NOTE

Article XIV, Section 4(1) of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall exercise reasonable supervision and regulation of all educational institutions to ensure the quality delivery of education in our schools and our schools, in this effect, remain conducive for learning.

Through the years, crime prevalence near and within school campuses are on the rise and steps must be taken into consideration to apprehend wrongdoers that commune with students inside and near their places of learning. There is a need to inform stakeholders about crimes that happen in a particular educational institution and the security policies that the institution implement to deter crime.

This bill aims to provide safe environment for students by mandating public schools to develop security plans and methodologies to deter crime inside their campuses.

This bill also recognizes modern technology to improve campus security by installing Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) Cameras. The use of CCTV cameras in all public schools can help proper authorities in apprehending criminals which will eventually deter more criminals in committing crimes.

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


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AN ACT
TO INCREASE CAMPUS SECURITY AND CRIME AWARENESS, INSTALLING
CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) CAMERAS IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.*— This Act shall be known as the Campus Security Act of 2017.

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* — It shall be the policy of the State to provide a safe and healthy environment for students by requiring educational institutions to disclose crime statistics that occur within the campus and its security policies and procedures and to adopt modern technology in apprehending and preventing crimes to enhance security and maintain peace and order in public schools.

SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.* — For the purposes of this Act, the term:

- (1) “*Campus*” shall refer to any building or property owned or controlled by an institution of higher education within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area and used by the institution in direct support of, or related to its educational purposes;
- (2) “*Closed-Circuit Television Camera (CCTV)*” shall refer to any device or system that could be used to capture and record photo or still and moving or video images

SEC. 4. *Installation of Closed-Circuit Television Cameras in Public Schools.*— It is hereby mandated that public schools nationwide shall install closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras within their establishments that will cover strategic areas in their premises so as to capture photos or videos of possible crimes or untoward incident that may occur threat.

SEC. 5. *Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics.*— Upon effectivity of this Act, Public Schools shall begin to collect the following information with respect to



campus crime statistics and campus security policies and each year thereafter, prepare, publish, and distribute through appropriate publications or mailings to all current students and employees and to any applicant for enrollment or employment upon request and annual security report containing at least the following information with respect to the campus security policies and campus crime statistics of that institution:

- (1) Statement of current campus policies regarding procedures and facilities for students;
- (2) Reports of criminal actions or other emergencies occurring on campus, and;
- (3) Policies concerning the institution's response to such reports

SEC. 6. Appropriations.— The budget necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual budget of the Department of Education.

SEC. 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations.— The Department of Education upon the effectivity of this Act shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 8. Repealing Clause.— All laws or parts of any law, executive orders, rules, regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SEC. 9. Effectivity Clause.— This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'V. Plac.', followed by a horizontal line.