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TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE IMPACT OF
FILIPINO CULTURE ON THE YOUTH

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 11, Section 13 provides that:

The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being.

It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civil affairs.

The potential of the youth to make lasting contributions to freedom's cause is unparalleled. Yet, some serious flaws have appeared in our social and cultural fabric, characterized by destructive behaviors among some of our youth that are damaging our country and the ability of this generation to achieve its full potential.

The purpose of this bill is to establish a National Commission on the impact of Filipino culture on the youth in order to investigate and make findings and recommendations with respect to:

1. the condition and status of contemporary youth compared to prior generations, with particular attention to family, neighborhood, school, scholastic attainment, work, and community involvement;
2. the nature, origin, and trends of antisocial and violent behavior among the youth;
3. the impact of western culture on the youth, through the pervasive influence of media;
4. recommendations for averting and reducing violence among the youth; and
5. recommendations for parents, families, non-governmental and private sector organizations, and local authorities in building positive developmental experiences among the youth.¹



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¹ This bill was originally filed by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago during the Sixteenth Congress, Third Regular Session.

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

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “National
2 Commission on the Impact of Filipino Culture on the Youth Act.”

3 SECTION 2. *Establishment.* – There is established a commission to be known
4 as the “National Commission on the Impact of Filipino Culture on the Youth”
5 (hereinafter referred to as the “Commission”).

6 SECTION 3. *Duty of the Commission.* – The Commission shall investigate and
7 make findings and recommendations with respect to:

8 A. The condition and status of contemporary youth compared to prior
9 generations, with particular attention to family, neighborhood, schools,
10 scholastic attainment, work, and community involvement;

1 B. The nature, origins, and trends of anti-social and violent behavior among
2 the youth, including:

- 3 1. An analysis of the trends in violent acts in families,
4 neighborhoods, and schools; and
5 2. The influence of organizations, other cultural elements, and
6 individuals contributing to the incitement or encouragement of
7 violent behaviors;

8 C. Identification of successful initiatives that involve the youth in positive
9 development and experiences that curb anti-social behavior among the
10 youth;

11 D. The impact of western culture on the youth, including both its positive
12 and negative effects on them;

13 E. Recommendations for averting and reducing violence among the youth;
14 and

15 F. Recommendations for parents, families, non-governmental and private
16 sector organizations and local authorities in building positive
17 developmental experiences among the youth.

18 SECTION 4. *Membership.* – The Commission shall be composed of eleven
19 (11) members appointed as follows:

20 A. Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

21 B. Two members appointed by the Senate President;

1 C. Six members appointed by the President. The members shall be specially
2 qualified to serve the Commission by reason of education, training or
3 experience;

4 D. The Chairperson of the National Youth Commission shall by the *ex officio*
5 chairman of this Commission.

6 SECTION 5. *Term.* – Each member shall be appointed for the life of the
7 Commission. A vacancy in the Commission shall be filled in the manner in which the
8 original appointment was made.

9 SECTION 6. *Quorum.* – Seven members of the Commission shall constitute a
10 quorum, but a lesser number may hold hearings.

11 SECTION 7. *Powers of the Commission.* –

12 A. *Hearings and Sessions.* – The Commission may, for the purpose of carrying
13 out this Act, hold hearings, sit and act at times and places, take testimony,
14 and receive evidence as the Commission considers appropriate. The
15 Commission shall ensure that its hearings and sessions are open to the
16 public, with significant opportunities for testimony from members of the
17 general public.

18 B. *Powers of Members and Agents.* – Any member or agent of the
19 Commission may, if authorized by the Commission, take any action which
20 the Commission is authorized to take by this Section.

1 C. *Obtaining Official Data.* – The Commission may secure directly from any
2 department or agency information necessary to enable it to carry out this
3 Act. Upon request of the Chairperson of the Commission, the head of that
4 department or agency shall cooperate with the Commission in providing
5 that information, subject to rules on confidential government information.

6 D. *Administrative Support Services.* – Upon determination of the Commission,
7 the National Youth Commission shall provide the necessary for the
8 Commission to carry out its responsibilities under this Act.

9 SECTION 8. *Report.* – The Commission shall transmit an interim report to the
10 President and the Congress not later than one hundred eighty (180) days after the date
11 the Commission is duly organized.

12 The Commission shall transmit a final report to the President and the Congress
13 not later than one year after the date the Commission is duly organized. The final
14 report shall contain a detailed statement of the findings and conclusions of the
15 Commission, together with its recommendation for legislation.

16 SECTION 9. *Termination.* – The Commission shall terminate thirty (30) days
17 after transmitting its final report pursuant to Section 8.

18 SECTION 10. *Appropriations.* – There is authorized to be appropriated such
19 sum as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

1 SECTION 11. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid
2 or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other
3 provisions hereof.

4 SECTION 12. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,
5 executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary
6 to or is inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or
7 amended accordingly.

8 SECTION 13. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
9 after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general
10 circulation.

Approved,