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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Perhaps the most infamous of Philippine universities and colleges is what has come into popularly known as “Recto Universities”, which actually refers to the phenomenon whereby fly-by-night businesses along Recto Avenue in Manila peddle bogus school diploma for a fee.

The proliferation of such nefarious practice is detrimental to the business community as it is possible that job applications with fictitious school records could actually land jobs through such spurious documents.

Such a practice also puts a blight to Philippine institutions of higher learning vis-à-vis their counterparts in other areas of the world.

With the computerization and development of databases on pertinent records of students, graduates and faculty members of higher education institutions, such a practice would be effectively annihilated, and thus, the urgent enactment of this legislation is necessary.

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SALVADOR B. BELARO, JR.

Representative

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AN ACT
REQUIRING ALL HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS TO
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RECORDS OF THEIR STUDENTS, GRADUATES AND FACULTY
MEMBERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the “Higher Education Records Computerization and Online Database Act of 2017”.

SECTION 2. It is declared the policy of the State to promote the use of information and communication to enhance the delivery of key public services, including education.

The Constitution provides that the State shall give priority to research and development, invention, innovation, and their utilization; and to science and technology education, training and services.

SECTION 3. As used in this Act:

- a. Higher Education Institution (HEI) refers to an education institution authorized and recognized by the CHED to offer bachelor's degree or graduate courses;
- b. Online Database refers to the centralized record managed by a designated or any authorized official for appropriate record-keeping purposes; and
- c. Pertinent Details of Students, Graduates and Faculty members includes, as far as practicable, information such as the name, program or course and year of graduation, among others.

SECTION 4. All institutions of Higher Education in the country are hereby mandated to computerize the pertinent records of their students, graduates, and faculty members and to develop online databases of such records for the purpose of preventing the tampering of school records and the development of a verifiable and reliable human resources inventory system.

SECTION 5. The Commission on Higher Education, in coordination with all state universities and colleges and all other higher education institutions in the country, is herein tasked to formulate the implementing rules and regulations.

SECTION 6. An initial amount of One Hundred Million Pesos (P100,000,000.00) necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 7. If any provision hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 8. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.