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HOUSE BILL NO. 6705

Introduced by Representative Salvador B. Belaro, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

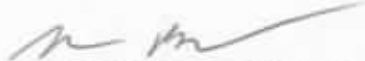
In the old curriculum of our basic education program, a subject entitled "Good Manners and Right Conduct" or GMRC, is part of the regular basic education curriculum. Subsequently, it was scrapped as a regular subject and integrated in Social Studies and other related subjects.

This bill seeks to revive GMRC and to include it as one of the separate subjects in the revived K to 12 program in basic education.

The necessity for such revival stems from the observation that the youth of today has a surplusage of role models for their behavior owing to the information explosion in this age of the internet. Modernization in a globalized village almost always results to confusion in the minds of our youth as the variety of influences make them vulnerable to the pervasive effects of pop culture, which is not always admirable and worthy of emulation. In fact, there is a detrimental side of pop culture which challenge the inculcation of the basic tenets of the promotion and observance of respect for oneself, others, and our elders, as well as the teaching of the values of patience, perseverance, industry, honesty and good faith in dealing with other human beings.

In view of such occurrence, it may be prudent to introduce in the curriculum a "set menu" of lessons on good manners and right conduct so as to better guide our youth in facing contemporary society.

Thus, the passage of this bill is very much needed as it is very timely.


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**AN ACT TO REVIVE GOOD MANNERS AND RIGHT CONDUCT
(GMRC) AS A SEPARATE SUBJECT IN THE BASIC EDUCATION
CURRICULUM**

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

SECTION 1. *Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "Revival of Good
Manners and Right Conduct Act of 2017."

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is the policy of the State to
recognize the vital role of the youth in nation-building and to 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 civic affairs.

SECTION 3. *Inclusion as A Separate Subject in the Curriculum of Basic
Education Good Manners and Right Conduct (GMRC).* - The Department of
Education (DepEd) is herein tasked to include as a separate subject in the
curriculum of the present K to 12 program in basic education Good Manners
and Right Conduct (GMRC) which shall inculcate among our students the

basic tenets of the promotion and observance of respect for oneself, others, and our elders, as well as the teaching of the values of patience, perseverance, industry, honesty and good faith in dealing with other human beings.

SECTION 4. *Funding.* - An initial budget of Twenty Million Pesos (P20,000,000.00) is hereby allocated for this Act. The funds necessary to carry out the provision of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriation Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SECTION 5. *Implementing Rules.* - The Department of Education (DepEd), is hereby tasked to jointly formulate the implementing rules and regulations of this Act.

SECTION 6. *Separability Clause* — If any provision of this Act is held invalid, the other provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION. 7. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, decrees or rules inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION. 8. *Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.