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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right of all the citizens of our country to quality education at all levels. However, despite this provision and numerous other laws that seek to promote good quality education, our country still lags behind our neighbors in Asia when it comes to providing good quality education.

Recent surveys indicate that there has been a decline in the academic performance of Filipino school children particularly in the field of science and mathematics. This decline may be due to the high teacher-student ratio, poor facilities, lack of textbooks, or lack of expertise or knowledge of teachers with the subjects they are teaching.

In line with our Constitutional provision on good quality education, this bill seeks to create an Academic Excellence Foundation which shall promote academic excellence in public and private schools all over the country through public-private entity partnerships. The Foundation shall develop programs that shall push for the advancement of the concept of academic excellence.

In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION TO PROMOTE
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

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 "*Academic Excellence Act of*
2 *2018.*"

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4 **SEC. 2. *The Academic Excellence Foundation.*** - There is hereby created the Philippine
5 Academic Excellence Foundation whose purpose shall be to promote academic excellence in
6 public and private schools all over the country through public-private entity partnerships. The
7 foundation shall be a non-profit organization. The board of directors of the foundation and
8 foundation activities shall be under the direction of the Department of Education (DepEd).
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10 **SEC. 3. *Board of Directors of the Foundation.*** - The board of directors of the
11 foundation shall consist of the Secretary of DepEd and twenty (20) other members to be
12 appointed by the President. Of the twenty (20) members appointed by the President, eight (8)
13 shall represent a variety of education groups and twelve (12) shall represent a variety of business
14 groups. The members of the board of directors shall select one member to serve as chair. The
15 DepEd Secretary shall serve as secretary for the board of directors and provide administrative
16 support to the foundation. An executive committee of the foundation board, composed of the
17 board officers and chairs of board committees, may only advise and make recommendations to
18 the foundation board.
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20 **SEC. 4. *Programs of the Foundation.*** - The foundation may develop programs that will
21 advance the concept of educational excellence. These may include, but are not limited to:
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- 23 (a) recognition programs and awards for students demonstrating academic
24 excellence;
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26 (b) summer institute programs for students with special talents;
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28 (c) recognition programs for teachers, administrators, and others who contribute to
29 academic excellence;
30 (d) summer mentorship programs with business and industry for students with special
31 career interests and high academic achievements;
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33 (e) President's awards ceremonies and special campaigns to promote awareness and
34 expectation for academic achievement;
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- 1 (f) an academic league to provide organized challenges requiring cooperation and
2 competition for public and private pupils in elementary and secondary schools;
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4 (g) systemic transformation initiatives and assistance and training to community
5 teams to increase school performance in the country's education institutions
6 through strategic quality planning for continuous improvement, empowerment of
7 multiple stakeholders, validation of results via customer-supplier relationships,
8 and a total system approach based on best practices in key process areas; and
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10 (h) activities to measure customer satisfaction for delivery of services to education
11 institutions in order to plan for and implement continuous improvement.
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13 To the extent possible, the foundation shall make these programs available to students in
14 all parts of the country.
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16 **SEC. 5. Powers and Duties of the Foundation.** - The foundation may:
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- 18 (1) establish and collect membership fees;
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20 (2) publish brochures or booklets relating to the purposes of the foundation and
21 collect reasonable fees for the publications thereof;
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23 (3) receive money, grants, and in-kind goods or services from non-governmental
24 sources for the purposes of the foundation;
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26 (4) contract with consultants;
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28 (5) expend money for awards and other forms of recognition and appreciation; and
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30 (6) determine procedures and expenditures for awards and recognitions to teachers,
31 students, donors, and other people who are not employees of the executive
32 branch.
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34 **SEC 6. Contracts.** - The foundation board shall review and approve each contract of the
35 board. Each contract of the foundation board shall be subject to the same review and approval
36 procedures as a contract of the Department of Education.
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38 **SEC. 7. Foundation Staff.** -
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- 40 (a) The foundation board with review by the DepED Secretary shall appoint the
41 executive director and other staff who shall perform duties and have
42 responsibilities solely related to the foundation.
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44 (b) As part of the annual plan of work, the foundation, with review by the DepEd
45 Secretary, may appoint up to three (3) employees. The employees appointed
46 under this paragraph shall not be considered an employee of the government. The
47 employees shall be supervised by the executive director.
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49 **SEC. 8. Private Sources of Funds.** - The foundation shall seek private resources to
50 supplement the available public money. Individuals, businesses, and other organizations may
51 contribute to the foundation in any manner specified by the board of directors. All money
52 received shall be administered by the board of directors.
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54 **SEC. 9. Report.** - The board of directors of the foundation shall submit an annual report
55 to the Secretary of the Department of Education on the progress of its activities. The annual
56 report shall contain a financial report for the preceding year, including all receipts and
57 expenditures of the foundation.

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2 **SEC. 10. *Separability Clause.*** - If any provisions or part hereof, is held invalid or
3 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law of the provision not otherwise affected shall remain
4 valid and subsisting.

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6 **SEC. 11. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations
7 inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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9 **SEC. 12. *Effectivity Clause.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its
10 complete publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general
11 circulation.

Approved,