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**AN ACT
MANDATING THE CREATION, INSTITUTIONALIZATION, AND
DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH STUDIES IN PUBLIC HIGHER
EDUCATION**

Explanatory Note

The youth, who are branded as the hope of the nation by our national hero, Dr. Jose P. Rizal, have had their presence felt when it comes to nation-building and moving for a more democratic and progressive society. As State policy dictates, the role of the youth must be recognized to further instill in them the virtues of nationalism and patriotism, the youth have actively participated through their own initiative to ensure a brighter and bolder society they one day will take lead.

With this, we must further understand who the youth are, what they have contributed, and what potentials they carry when it comes to nation-building and making society a better place. The youth today have been more open to change, to progressive thoughts and ideas, and most importantly, to struggle for a just and lasting peace and genuine social justice in our land.

The youth one day will inherit this country. They will be the ones to lead this land as leaders, inventors, artists, builders, and more. They have shown that at a young age, they are active when it comes to making society a better place not just for them, but for all sectors, especially that of the marginalized and oppressed, that our society homes.

Thus, the next step to further cultivate an understanding on the role of the youth in our society is for the creation, institutionalization, and development of Youth Studies in Public Higher Education.

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the “Youth Studies Act of 2019.”

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is policy of the State to recognize 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 civic affairs.

Furthermore, as the State promotes social justice in all phases of national development while valuing the dignity of every human person and guarantying full respect for human rights, it is in the State’s duty to indoctrinate in the youth the concepts of social justice and human rights to further advance social progress, human liberation, and development.

SECTION 3. *Objectives.* - The State shall adopt the following objectives:

- a. Develop awareness and appreciation of the role of the youth in nation-building, Philippine society, and contributions to the community;
- b. Honor the youth’s role and heroism of whom have struggled against injustice, oppression, and exploitation especially during Martial Law; and
- c. To actualize in the youth their role as the hope of the nation.

SECTION 4. *Integration of Youth Studies in Undergraduate and Graduate Studies.* - In integrating Youth Studies at both undergraduate and graduate levels, its primary goal is to

improve the understanding of students with regard to their role in nation-building, and most importantly their role as the hope of the nation.

This is to be implemented in one State University or State College per region.

SECTION 6. *Formulation of Youth Studies Curriculum.* - The Commission on Higher Education in consultation with non-governmental groups and educational institutions, shall formulate the curriculum on Youth Studies.

SECTION 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - The Commission on Higher Education shall issue rules and regulations as the institution may deem necessary for the implementation of this Act.

SECTION 8. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected hereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 10. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Adopted,