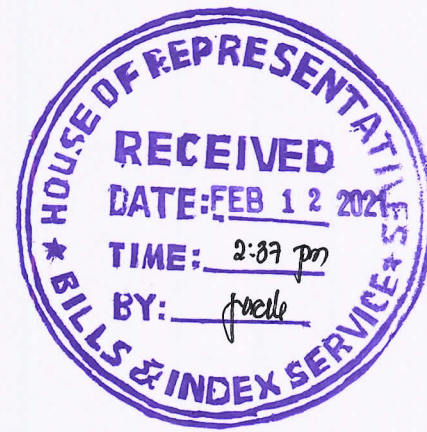


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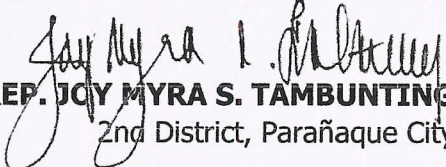
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, Section 3, Paragraph 1 of the 1987 Constitution provides that, "All educational institutions shall include the study of the Constitution as part of the curricula."

Consistent to this constitutional provision, this proposed measure provides for the integration of a course on the 1987 Constitution to the curricula of senior high school students. Under this measure, the Department of Education, together with concerned agencies, constitutional commissions and experts from the academe, is to develop the Constitutional course suited and responsive to the capacity of students in Grade 12 from all public and private educational institutions.

The study of the 1987 Constitution allows young Filipinos to learn about their rights and their responsibilities to the State, and the State's responsibilities to the public. This should likewise allow young Filipinos to become more informed citizens and empower them to actively participate in the affairs of the States and exercise their rights as Filipino citizens.

On behalf of the people of Parañaque City's Second District, and for the common good of the Filipino people, the approval of the said measure is earnestly sought.


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

Section 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Constitutional Education Act.”

Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – Article XIV, Section 3(1) of the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines states that all educational institutions shall include the study of the Constitution as part of the curricula.

Moreover, Article XIV, Section 3(2) of the Constitution also states that educational institutions shall inculcate patriotism and nationalism, foster love of humanity, respect for human rights, appreciation of the role of national heroes in the historical development of the country, teach the rights and duties of citizenship, strengthen ethical and spiritual values, develop moral character and personal discipline, encourage critical and creative thinking, broaden scientific and technological knowledge, and promote vocational efficiency. Such topics or areas are connected to education about the Constitution, which is mandated by the previous paragraph.

Thus, it is hereby declared a policy of the State to fulfill the said provision by integrating education on the Constitution in the senior high school curriculum in all public and private educational institutions.

Sec. 3. *Coverage* – This Act shall cover the Grade 12 senior high school curricula of all public and private educational institutions.

Sec. 4. *Development of the Constitutional Education Course.* – The Department of Education (DepEd), with the assistance of concerned government agencies and constitutional commissions and experts on the Constitution from the academe, shall develop the Constitutional course that will be integrated in the Grade 12 curriculum in all public and private educational institutions. The instruction of this particular subject matter shall be developed in a way that is

suited and responsive to the capacity of students in Grade 12. The course shall also be constructed in accordance with the standards and principles in developing the enhanced basic education curriculum stated in Republic Act. No. 10533 or the Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013.

Sec. 5. *Constitutional Education Course Objectives.* – The Constitutional Education course for Grade 12 students shall seek to accomplish the following:

- a) Raise their level of awareness and understanding of the history and provisions of the 1987 Constitution;
- b) Develop their appreciation and exercise of democratic values, such as transparency, accountability, and respect for human rights and dignity;
- c) Foster their understanding and practice of active citizenship and people's participation in government processes; and
- d) Equip them with the knowledge of the Constitution that they can use in their analysis and involvement in public issues.

Sec. 6. *Constitutional Educational Course Framework.* – The Constitutional Education course in the Grade 12 curriculum will cover topics including, but not limited to, the following;

- a) History and Overview of the 1987 Constitution
- b) Nationalism and Sovereignty
- c) State Principles and Policies
- d) Government Institutions and Processes
- e) Rights and Duties of Citizens
- f) Democratic Values, Social Justice, and Human Rights
- g) Active Citizenship and People's Participation in Governance
- h) Education, Science and Technology, Arts, Culture and Sports
- i) Current Issues

Sec. 7. *Constitution Education Training for Teachers.* – The training of teachers in carrying out in the Constitution Education course shall be incorporated in the teacher education and training programs mandated by Republic Act No. 10533 or the Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013.

Sec. 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The DepEd, with the assistance of government agencies and constitutional commissions and experts on the Constitution from the academe, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of the Act within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act.

Sec. 9. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any part, section, or provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Sec. 10. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, and other issuances, or part or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

Sec. 11. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,